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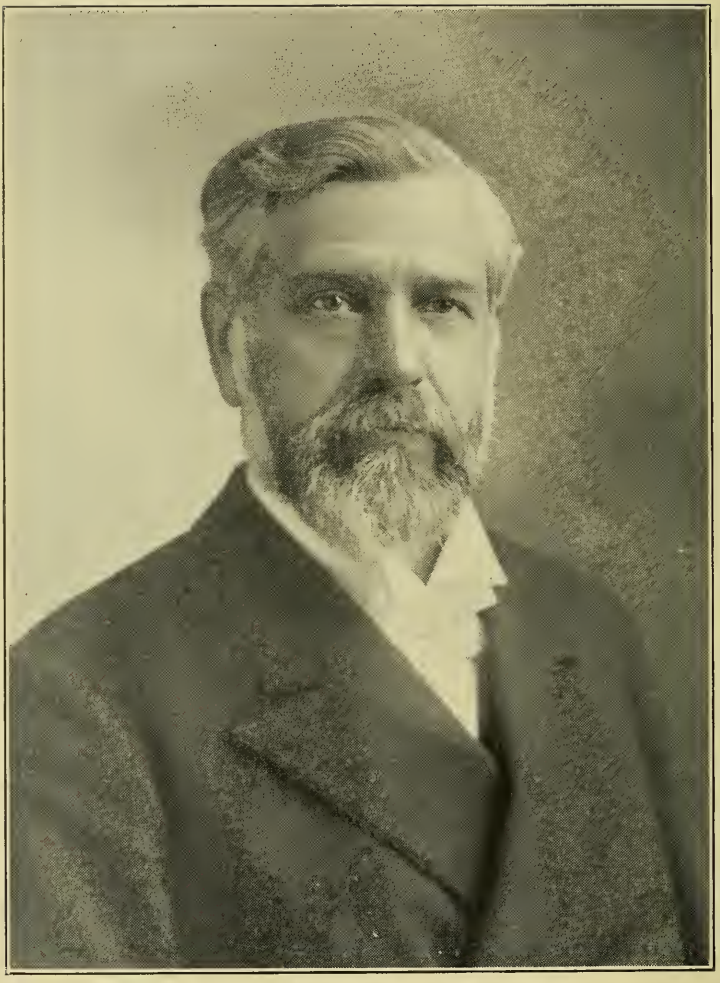

REV. THOMAS McFALL, SOMERSET, NOVA SCOTIA.
Moderator of Synod 1907, Allegheny, Pa.

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OF THE

Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

SESSION LXXVIII.

ALLEGHENY REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
ALLEGHENY, PA., May 22d, 1907.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met pursuant to adjournment in the Allegheny Reformed Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, May 22d, 1907, at 10.30 A. M., and after devotional exercises its sessions were opened with a sermon by the Moderator, J. Renwick Wylie, from Acts 3:19, last clause—"When the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

After the sermon the Moderator constituted the Court with prayer.

The roll was called and, being completed, is as follows:

ROLL.

COLORADO.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
CANON CITY	H. B. McMillan	
DENVER		D. C. McElhinney.
EVANS		*S. R. Faris.
LA JUNTA	Samuel Edgar	
LOS ANGELES	P. J. McDonald	J. W. Wylie.
SANTA ANA	*G. N. Greer	A. G. Walkinshaw.
SEATTLE	T. M. Slater	J. W. Dodds.
	J. M. Wylie	

ILLINOIS.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Bethel	‡S. J. Johnston	J. E. Wilson.
Bloomington	G. R. Steele	S. S. Smith.
Church Hill	‡W. S. Fulton	
Oakdale		J. C. Thompson.
Old Bethel		W. S. Wilson.
Princeton	D. C. Mathews	J. E. Carithers.
Selma	*S. F. Kingston	*J. H. Pickens.
Staunton		W. Francy.
St. Louis	M. M. Pearce	J. Torrens.
	*E. A. Crooks	
	D. S. Faris	
	M. A. Gault	
	*J. G. Reed	

IOWA.

Chicago	Robert Clarke	
Hopkinton		*D. H. C. Johnston.
Lake Reno	J. R. W. Stevenson	
Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull	T. McClement.
Rehoboth	J. A. Black	J. B. Dodds.
Sharon	J. S. McGaw	A. F. Reid.
Vernon	†W. H. George	
Washington		I. R. McKenry.

KANSAS.

Beulah		A. Walkinshaw.
Billings	W. C. Paden	I. B. Caskey.
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers	Robert Popoweetie.
Clarinda		D. B. McCalla.
Denison	D. H. Elliott	J. A. Torrence.
Eskridge	J. McCune	W. F. Young.
Hebron		J. G. Stevenson.
Holmwood	R. A. Paden	
Kansas City		D. G. McKee.
Long Branch	*J. M. Johnston	R. J. C. Dodds.
Olathe	G. A. Edgar	G. R. Miller.
Quinter		J. J. McElroy.
Sterling		J. Humphreys.
Superior	W. T. K. Thompson	R. W. Gilchrist.
Tabor	*S. E. Greer	T. K. Tiffin.
Topeka		F. L. McClelland.
Winchester	D. H. Coulter	E. J. Cathcart.
	Isaiah Faris	
	G. R. McBurney	

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

Cornwallis	T. McFall	
St. John	J. T. Mitchell	

NEW YORK.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Barnet	D. C. Faris	A. W. McLam.
Boston First	S. McNaugher	J. M. Edgar.
Boston Second	J. M. Foster	
Bovina	W. G. Robb	
Brooklyn	J. C. Slater	J. W. Pritchard.
Cambridge	G. W. Benn	*T. McClosky.
Coldenham	T. Patton	
Newburgh First	*J. W. F. Carlisle	*S. Dunlap.
New York Second	R. M. Sommerville	A. Adams.
New York Third	F. M. Foster	W. Browne.
New York Fourth		R. McAfee.
Walton	R. C. Reed	B. M. Thompson.
West Hebron	*T. A. McElwain	*A. McQueen.
White Lake	J. H. Pritchard	
	S. R. Wallace	

OHIO.

Belle Center		J. G. McConnell.
Bellefontain	‡J. M. Faris	J. E. Foster.
Cedar Lake	C. M. Smith	H. G. Judson.
Cedarville	W. J. Sanderson	W. R. Sterritt.
Cincinnati	*D. O. Jack	
Hetherton	E. G. Elsey	*A. Morrow.
Jonathan's Creek		J. C. George.
Londonderry		J. E. Morrison.
Muskingum & Tomica	W. J. McBurney	
New Concord	A. A. Samson	J. C. Wallace.
South Field	H. G. Patterson	A. M. Cannon.
United Miami	R. Hargrave	J. F. Mitchell.
Utica	R. A. Blair	*W. A. Hervey.

PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia First	T. P. Stevenson	*W. G. Carson.
Philadelphia Second	J. C. McFeeters	J. Peoples.
Philadelphia Third	R. C. Montgomery	J. Service.
	G. M. Robb	

PITTSBURGH.

Adamsville & Middletown	J. G. McElhinney	R. J. McCracken.
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	W. R. Porter.
Bear Run & Mahoning	*E. M. Elsey	*J. C. Fry.
Rehoboth	*E. M. Elsey	
Beaver Falls First	J. S. Thompson	S. George.
Brookland & Manchester	P. P. Boyd	J. A. McElroy.
North Union	P. P. Boyd	D. N. Crowe.
Central Allegheny	J. W. Sproull	G. Gunn.
Clarksburg		*M. Oliver.
College Hill	R. H. Martin	J. Scott.
East End	D. C. Martin	W. Blair.
Geneva	H. G. Foster	G. W. Walker.
Little Beaver	J. Renwick Wylie	R. Hagerty.
McKeesport & Mon'la	B. M. Sharp	W. Finney.
Mercer	W. J. McKnight	J. S. English.

PITTSBURGH—CONTINUED.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
MILLER'S RUN	S. G. Conner	J. H. McBurney.
NEW ALEXANDRIA	R. J. Gault	W. D. Shaw.
NEWCASTLE	J. S. Martin	O. C. Orr.
OIL CREEK	S. J. Crowe	
PINE CREEK	A. Kilpatrick	
UNION	A. Kilpatrick	R. M. Dean.
PARNASSUS	F. M. Wilson	J. M. Clark.
PITTSBURGH	D. McAllister	D. Chestnut.
SLIPPERY ROCK		J. J. Kennedy.
WILKINSBURG	R. C. Wylie	W. Esler.
YOUNGSTOWN		J. Ewing.
	*R. C. Allen	
	*T. J. Allen	
	I. A. Blackwood	
	*J. F. Crozier	
	*R. J. Dodds	
	J. C. K. Faris	
	H. H. George	
	R. J. Dodds	
	*W. P. Johnston	
	J. R. Latimer	
	A. J. McFarland	
	R. J. McIsaac	
	E. L. McKnight	
	R. J. G. McKnight	
	*T. C. Sproull	
	D. B. Willson	

ROCHESTER.

ALMONTE		T. J. Bowes.
SYRACUSE	John Yates	J. Park.
YORK	J. B. Gilmore	W. A. Carson.

*Not present at first roll call.

†Ordained since last meeting of Synod.

‡Installed since last meeting of Synod.

Ministers absent: T. H. Acheson, W. C. Allen, J. M. Armour, J. I. Frazier, J. C. French, J. K. Robb. J. M. Littlejohn, J. W. Dill, J. Boggs Dodds, W. W. Wilson, A. J. McFarland, Jr., J. Ralston Wylie, J. R. Thompson, W. M. George, Julius Kempf, W. McCarroll, A. I. Robb, T. A. Rusk, S. G. Shaw, Louis Meyer, M. Greenberg, E. F. Sherman, C. A. Dodds, George Kennedy, J. L. Pinkerton, J. S. Stewart, W. McFarland, J. L. McCartney—28.

Congregations not represented: Greely, Hickory Grove, Wahoo, Barnsville, Craftsbury, Kortright, Newburg Second, Fair Grove, North Salem, Lisbon, Lochiel, Sterling—12.

Election of officers. Thomas McFall was elected Moderator, R. C. Montgomery Clerk, and S. McNaugher Assistant Clerk.

The following deaths were reported: D. J. Shaw, Feb. 11th, 1907; J. R. Baird, March 9th, 1907; H. Easson, March 22d, 1907; J. J. McClurkin, Feb, 28th, 1907.

Committee on Order of Business reported. Report adopted and is as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Wednesday, 10.30 A. M.—Sermon by retiring Moderator; Constitution of the Court; Election of Officers; Report of Committee on Order of Business.

2.30 P. M.—Reports of Committees on Devotional Exercises and Unfinished Business. Reports of Boards, Foreign Missions, Central, Jewish, Sustentation and Church Erection.

7.30 P. M.—Conference on Evangelistic Work.

Thursday, 9.00 A. M.—Reports of Boards, Superintendents of Theological Seminary, Synod's Board of Trustees, Board of Control; of Stated Clerk.

2.00 P. M.—Reports of Presbyteries; of Committees on Testimony Bearing, Temperance, Evangelistic Work.

7.30 P. M.—Conference on Practical Temperance Methods.

Friday, 9.00 A. M.—Report of Executive Committee of the National Reform Association, of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform, of the Mission Conference, of Committee on the State of Religion.

2.00 P. M.—Reports of Committees on Sabbath Schools, Young People's Societies, Systematic Beneficence, the Sabbath.

7.30 P. M.—Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of our Foreign Mission.

Saturday, 9.00 A. M.—Reports of Committees on Signs of the Times, Psalmody, Secret Societies; Board of Corporators of Geneva College, Board of Trustees of Geneva College.

Monday, 9.00 A. M.—Reports of Committees on Records of Presbyteries, Theological Seminary and Education, Traveling Fund, Discipline.

2.00 P. M.—Reports of Committees on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, National Reform.

7.30 P. M.—Conference on National Reform.

Tuesday, 9.00 A. M.—Reports of Committees on Finance, on Sustentation and Church Erection.

2.00 P. M.—Reports of Committees on Supplies, Foreign Correspondence.

R. C. Wylie,
H. G. Foster,
D. C. Mathews,
Committee.

Synod ordered 300 copies of the above report to be printed.

Recess was taken until 2.30 P. M. Prayer by R. Hargrave.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place 2.30 P. M., Synod met and was led in prayer by the Moderator. Minutes read and approved.

A. A. Samson and W. H. George were appointed to report Synod's proceedings.

Committee on Unfinished Business reported. Report received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Board of Foreign Missions to arrange for Fiftieth Anniversary of our Foreign Missions. A program was submitted and accepted.

Item 2. Committee to classify congregations receiving aid from Synod. Committee reported. Report recommitted and the committee continued to report next Synod as to minimum salaries of all congregations.

Item 3. Committees to write to W. M. George and T. M. Slater. Page 51. Attended to.

Item 4. Items 1, 2, 17 and 19 of last year's report of Finance Committee. Pages 52 and 53. Attended to.

Item 5. Committee on Supplying Vacant Congregations. Committee reported. Report not adopted.

Item 6. Treasurer J. S. Tibby, to publish additional copies of our new version of Psalms. Page 107. Attended to.

Item 7. Committee to examine Uniform Version of Psalms. Page 108 Committee reported. Report received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE UNIFORM VERSION OF THE PSALMS.

The Special Committee to Examine the Uniform Version of the Psalms respectfully report: The situation is much as it was last year, as far as any action to be recommended by your Committee is concerned.

We had reached a unanimous judgment as a Committee on the Version, as submitted in proof last year, that we could not recommend its adoption in its present form, but the matter was laid over owing to the final form of the version not having been reached by the Joint Committee.

There has been no meeting of that Committee within the year, and we have no action therefore to recommend.

With the prospect, however, of a meeting, and at the request of the Chairman of Synod's Committee engaged in the work of revision, we have placed the notes prepared in criticism of the proof in his hands, for such use as the Committee may be able to make of them.

The revision in proof has not been approved by any one of the churches concerned in the preparation of a Uniform Version. It now rests with the Joint Committee to move in the preparation of an amended form. As far as the work originally committed to us is concerned, we believe that our duties are at an end.

From what we can gather, it seems that the question of the new version will present itself to the Synod in a future form with changed conditions, not contemplated in our appointment.

We close our report, therefore, with the recommendation that we be discharged.

D. B. Wilson, *Chairman*,
J. A. Black,
C. D. Trumbull,
F. M. Foster,
T. M. Slater.

Item 8. Committee on Psalmody Revision. Committee reported. Report received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PSALMODY REVISION.

Your Committee would respectfully report that the Joint Committee on the Revision of the Psalms has not held a meeting during the past year. We had expected that the Revision in its present form would come before you for acceptance or rejection at this meeting of Synod, but it appears now that denominational efforts at further revision have been going on during the year and that the results of these efforts are to be considered and reviewed at a meeting of the Joint Committee in the late summer or early fall.

As the Synod has steadily favored every attempt to improve the revised version, we feel that we should not stop at this point, much as we regret the delay, and therefore we recommend:

That the resolutions on this subject adopted at last Synod be reaffirmed.

W. J. Coleman,
David McAllister,
T. P. Stevenson.

Item 9. Delegate to Christian Reformed Synod. T. H. Acheson. Page 121. No report.

Item 10. Committee on R. R. Rates. Committee reported the matter attended to.

Item 11. Motion to amend Rule 30 in our Rules of Order. Page 51. The motion was amended to read as follows: Motion to amend Rule 30 in our Rules of Order by inserting, after first sentence, the following: "Motions to postpone indefinitely and lay on the table, since they cut off debate, require a two-thirds vote to prevail." Motion carried.

Item 12. Correction of minutes. Page 49, under Report of Mission Conference, for "Vernon Presbytery" read "Vermont Presbytery."

R. C. Montgomery,
J. C. French.

Report on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole, and is as above.

Hours for Synod's meetings fixed as follows: 9 to 12 A. M., and 2 to 5 P. M.

Invitation from the Board of Managers of the Aged People's Home to luncheon, Thursday evening, was received and accepted.

Synod adjourned with prayer by M. A. Gault.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Thursday, May 23d, 9 A. M., Synod met, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the last half hour of the morning session of each day be spent in devotional exercises. We submit the following program:

Thursday—The Holy Spirit in His relation to the courts of Christ's House. Leader R. M. Sommerville.

Friday—Prayer for the continued success of Missions—Home and Foreign. Leader F. M. Foster.

Saturday—Prayer for the coming of Christ's Kingdom and the success of all reforms. Leader J. C. McFeeters.

Monday—Prayer for more thorough, systematic and individual study of the Word of God. Leader Thos. McClement.

Tuesday—Prayer for the presence, the guidance and the power of the Holy Spirit to attend all the labors of the coming year. Leader A. A. Samson.

GEORGE N. GREER,
R. J. GEORGE,
E. L. MCKNIGHT,
Committee

Committees announced by the Moderator:

COMMITTEES.

Supplies—Jas. McCune, W. S. Fulton, J. M. Wylie, W. S. Wilson, D. G. McKee.

Foreign Correspondence—J. M. Foster, R. A. Paden, J. E. Wilson.

Theological Seminary and Education—G. M. Robb, P. J. McDonald, H. B. McMillan, Wm. Blair, J. E. Carithers.

Traveling Fund—J. H. Pritchard, and Financial Agents of Presbyteries.

Nominations—W. T. K. Thompson, F. M. Foster, P. P. Boyd, Jas. Torrens, R. J. C. Dodds.

Discipline—S. J. Johnston, J. A. Black, J. R. Latimer, A. F. Reid, J. M. Edgar.

Finance—J. C. Slater, W. J. Coleman, C. D. Trumbull, Wm. Browne, A. Walkinshaw.

Foreign Missions—J. Renwick Wylie, G. R. McBurney, R. C. Reed, D. C. McElhinney, W. A. Carson.

Home Missions—J. S. Thompson, W. G. Robb, J. S. McGaw, S. R. Faris, J. H. McBurney.

Church Erection and Sustentation—R. C. Wylie, S. R. Wallace, J. G. Reed, Alexander Adams, W. R. Porter.

National Reform—R. J. Gault, D. C. Mathews, G. W. Benn, R. McAfee, W. G. Carson.

COMMITTEES ON RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Colorado—F. M. Wilson, C. R. Steele, John Peoples.
Illinois—Robert Clarke, D. H. Elliott, Jas. Service.
Iowa—R. Hargrave, W. S. Fulton, W. A. Hervey.
Kansas—J. M. Faris, J. C. McFeeters, H. G. Judson.
N. B. and N. S.—D. C. Faris, A. Kilpatrick, A. C. Walkinshaw.
New York—D. H. Elliott, B. M. Sharpe, Thos. McClement.
Ohio—W. W. Carithers, S. E. Greer, G. R. Miller.
Philadelphia—W. J. Sanderson, H. G. Patterson, J. C. Stevenson.
Pittsburgh—G. A. Edgar, J. T. Mitchell, T. K. Tiffin.
Rochester—T. C. Sproull, M. M. Pearce, J. M. Edgar.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Evangelistic Work—S. J. Johnston, J. W. Sanderson, E. L. McKnight, D. G. McKee, Jas. Humphries.

Secret Societies—J. S. Thompson, E. G. Elsey, H. G. Foster, J. L. Mitchell, John Peoples.

Psalmody—T. M. Slater, W. J. McBurney, J. C. McFeeters, J. C. George, G. R. Miller.

Signs of the Times—C. D. Trumbull, D. O. Jack, M. M. Pearce, W. R. Sterret, J. B. Dodds.

State of Religion—W. C. Paden, Robert Clarke, D. H. Elliott, T. J. Bowes.

Young People's Societies—Jas. McCune, E. M. Elsey, E. A. Crooks, G. G. McKee, Jas. M. Clark.

Sabbath—J. R. W. Stevenson, S. C. Conner, I. A. Blackwood, Jas. Park, O. C. Orr.

Sabbath-schools—J. S. Martin, S. E. Greer, G. R. Steele, F. L. McClelland, Robert Kyle.

Systematic Beneficence—M. A. Gault, J. Renwick Wylie, J. A. Torrence, Thos. McClosky.

Devotional Exercises—J. M. Faris, C. M. Smith, P. P. Boyd, Alexander Adams, W. F. Young.

Order of Business—T. P. Stevenson, J. C. McFeeters, Jas. Service.

Unfinished Business—Clerks of Synod.

Committee on Nominations reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

To prepare a minute on the death of Rev. D. J. Shaw—J. C. K. Faris, D. B. Wilson, R. M. Dean.

On the death of Rev. J. J. McClurkin—D. S. Faris, R. J. Gault, John Ewing.

On the death of Rev. Henry Easson—R. J. Dodds, R. M. Sommerville, R. J. George, C. W. Walker.

On the death of Rev. J. R. Baird—J. Crozier, A. Kilpatrick, J. C. Frye.

To deliver memorial address—T. P. Stevenson. To offer prayer—C. D. Trumbull.

Committee to draft new blanks and rules for congregations—J. W. Sproull, G. A. Edgar, R. Hargrave.

To be a member of the Central Board of Missions, instead of D. B. Wilson, resigned, J. S. Thompson.

To take the place of A. J. McFarland, Jr., on Committee to Classify Congregations, A. A. Samson.

Committee to report next year on the question of students preaching before licensure—D. C. Mathews, T. M. Slater, T. McFall, R. W. Gilchrist, J. H. McBurney.

Committee to report on a new and enlarged edition of Psalm Selections—G. M. Robb, W. J. Sanderson, T. C. Sproull, S. A. S. Methen, J. C. Thompson.

Committee to report next year on the basis of coöperation with the National Church Temperance Conference—W. W. Carithers, W. C. Paden, J. F. Crozier, William Browne, George McKee.

W. T. K. Thompson,
F. M. Foster,
P. P. Boyd,
Jas. Torrens,
R. J. C. Dodds.

On motion T. P. Stevenson was added to the Committee to Report on the Basis of Coöperation with the National Church Temperance Conference.

Report of Committee of Sabbath was made the order of the day for 2 P. M.

I. A. Blackwood and D. McAllister were granted optional attendance.

Drs. Frederick J. Stanley and D. G. Wylie, of New York, were granted the courtesies of the floor.

Board of Foreign Missions reported. Report received, and referred to Committees on Foreign Missions and Finance.

Central Board of Missions reported. Report received, and referred to Committees on Home Missions and Finance.

Devotional exercises engaged in, R. M. Sommerville leading.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M. Prayer by F. M. Foster.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 P. M., Synod met, and was led in prayer by the Moderator. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Sabbath reported. Dr. Stanley, Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, was introduced and spoke of his work.

Report was recommitted, and a resolution offered by S. J. Crowe was referred to the same committee to be embodied in their report.

Papers received:

Paper No. 1.—Report of R. P. Woman's Association. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 2.—Report of Treasurer Walter T. Miller. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 3.—Communication from Anti-Saloon League. Laid on the table.

Paper No. 4.—Printing and Sale of Minutes. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 5.—Report of Treasurer of Literary Fund. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 6.—Reports of Secretary and Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 7.—Minutes of Syrian Commission. Paper read.

Paper No. 8.—Report of Treasurer of Jewish Mission. Referred to Committee of Finance.

Paper No. 9.—Report of Treasurer of R. P. Woman's Association. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 10.—Question referred by Illinois Presbytery. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 11.—Forwarded by Ohio Presbytery. Referred to Committee on Home Missions.

Paper No. 12.—Communication from Western Section of Alliance of Reformed Churches. Laid on the table for the present, except item of finance, which was referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 13.—Letter from the Irish Synod. Referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Paper No. 14.—Communication from W. C. T. U. Referred to Committee on Temperance.

Synod adjourned with prayer by H. B. McMillan.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Friday, May 24th, 9 A. M., Synod met, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion a gavel, formerly presented to Synod by Miss Mattie R. Wylie, of our Syrian Mission, was placed in the custody of our Theological Seminary.

A telegram conveying the Christian greetings of the Presbyterian General Assembly was received, and is as follows:

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in session in Columbus, Ohio, sends Christian greetings to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in session in Allegheny, Pa. Recognizing with gratitude our common heritage of blood and faith and being more and more deeply impressed with the unfolding of Divine Providence in apparent fulfillment of the prayer of our blessed Lord, "That they all may be one," we beg to assure you of our deep family affection and desire for coöperation with you in the purpose of the kingdom.

WILLIAM HENRY ROBERTS, *Moderator.*

On motion the following reply was returned:

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in session in Allegheny, Pa., returns fraternal greetings to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in session at Columbus, Ohio. We greet you in the name of the Lord in recognition of our common obligation to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.

THOMAS MCFALL, *Moderator.*

On motion the following order of business was fixed for Monday: 10 A. M., report of Committee on Foreign Missions; 2.30 P. M., report of Committee on Home Missions; 4 P. M., report of Committee on National Reform.

Jewish Mission Board reported. Report received and referred to Committees on Home Missions and Finance.

Church Erection Board reported. Report received and referred to Committees on Sustentation and Church Erection, and Finance.

Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary reported. Report received and referred to Committees on Theological Seminary and Education, and Finance.

Board of Control reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Board of Control report that they held their annual meeting in November last, and made distribution of the funds intrusted to their management.

The applicants were twenty-nine in number: aged ministers, four; widows and children of deceased ministers, thirteen; students of theology, twelve.

The Aged Ministers' Fund was the only one that enabled us to make appropriations in some degree proportioned to the need. The other funds were very inadequate to relieve the wants of applicants, especially in the case of the Students' Aid Fund. Last year our Board was able to do less for our students than during any year of its history. This was due in part to the increased number of those applying for assistance, but it was more largely owing to the smallness of the collections for the fund. The appropriations made were very meagre indeed, and must have left the students expecting help to struggle with many embarrassments in order to complete the Seminary year.

Usually our young men studying for the ministry come from families who are in very moderate circumstances. They often have had a hard struggle to obtain means to secure literary training, and at the end of their college course they are frequently largely in debt. Their parents have economized to help them, but there are other children in the family whose claims cannot be overlooked; so that the parents are no longer able to do much more for the son who is anxious to fit himself for the ministry. Had he prospect of large earnings when he passes out of the Seminary to enter on his chosen profession, he might contract debt to support him in the meantime, but the average pastorate to which he may be called furnishes only a bare living, with no surplus to meet past obligations, or to lay by for future needs. If, therefore, the Church is to have a ministry, she must deal more generously with the worthy young men who are earnestly striving to fit themselves for the work. While other applicants for help have strong claims, which, we trust, will not be overlooked, we urge increased liberality in congregational contributions to the Students' Aid Fund.

The term of Elders W. Dougherty and A. F. Reid as members of our Board expires this year, and their successors are to be chosen.

The Rev. W. C. Allen ceasing to be a member of the Board by his removal to Oakland, California, to take charge of our mission in that city, we would recommend that the Rev. J. S. McGaw, pastor of the Sharon Congregation, be appointed to fill his unexpired term.

For the ensuing year, we ask the following appropriations: Aged Ministers, $1,500; Widows and Orphans, $2,500; Students' Fund, $1,500.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Black, *Secretary.*

Reports of Presbyteries. All reports received and adopted, and referred to appropriate committees.

Report of Stated Clerk. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK.

Statistics May 1st, 1906, to May 1st, 1907.

Summary.—There are reported this year 116 congregations; 4 mission stations in America; 4 in the Syrian Mission and 1 in China; 131 ministers, 1 of whom is a Greek, located at Cyprus; 12 licentiates, of whom 1 is a Greek and 1 a Syrian; 14 theological students, 5 of whom have been licensed; 9,780 communicants, an increase of 689 and a decrease of 700; 8,594 in attendance at the Sabbath-schools and 1,656 in attendance at the Young People's Societies and $211,992 of total contributions.

Congregations.—Eighty have pastors, 2 are supplied by unsettled ministers, 1 by a pastor, 2 are under the care of the Syrian Commission, 1, Greeley, was organized by Colorado Presbytery on the 26th of March, 1907. There is an increase of 1.

Mission Stations.—Oakland is under the care of Colorado Presbytery. The Jewish Mission is under the care of the Jewish Mission Board. The 4 in the bounds of the Syrian Commission and the 1 in China are under the care of the Foreign Mission Board. Baltimore, Conococheague, Mansfield and Middle Wheeling are not reported this year.

Ministers.—There were 1 ordination and installation, 4 installations, 7 dissolutions of the pastoral relation and 4 deaths. William Henry George was ordained and installed pastor of Vernon Congregation by a Commission of Iowa Presbytery, on Sept. 5th, 1906. Rev. J. C. French was installed pastor of Denver Congregation by a Commission of Colorado Presbytery, Aug. 3d, 1906. Rev. J. M. Faris, pastor of Bellefontaine Congregation, by a Commission

of Ohio Presbytery, June 22d, 1906. Rev. W. S. Fulton, pastor of Coulterville Congregation, by Illinois Presbytery, July 6th, 1906, and Rev. S. J. Johnston, pastor of Bethel Congregation, by Illinois Presbytery, Nov. 9th, 1906.

The pastoral relation between Rev. J. C. French and Oakdale Congregation was dissolved by a Commission of Illinois Presbytery, on July 1st, 1906; between Rev. E. A. Crooks and Old Bethel Congregation, by Illinois Presbytery, Sept. 11th, 1906; between Rev. A. J. McFarland and Kansas City Congregation, by Kansas Presbytery, on Sept. 17th, 1906; between Rev. M. A. Gault and Wahoo Congregation, by a Commission of Kansas Presbytery, on the 23d of October, 1906; between Rev. W. C. Allen and Washington Congregation, by a Commission of Iowa Presbytery, on Nov. 8th, 1906; between Rev. I. A. Blackwood and Fourth New York Congregation, New York Presbytery, on Jan. 2d, 1907; between Rev. J. M. Wylie and Evans Congregation, by Colorado Presbytery, on March 25th, 1907.

Three pastors have double charges.

Rev. David Jamison Shaw died at New Alexandria, on the 11th of Feb., 1907; Rev. John Johnston McClurkin, at New Alexandria, Pa., on Feb. 28th, 1907; Rev. James Robertson Baird, at Indiana, Pa., on March 9th, 1907; Rev. Henry Easson, at Beaver Falls, on March 22d, 1907, and Licentiate William McKinney, at Davenport, Iowa, on March 13th, 1907.

Of the ministers without charge, 2 are stated supplies, 8 are foreign missionaries, 4 are laboring under the direction of the Central Board, 2 are professors in the Theological Seminary, 3 in Geneva College, 2 are engaged in Reform work, 1 in Testimony Hearing, 4 are unable to engage in the active duties of the ministry and 8 are engaged all or part of their time in secular callings. All or part of the time of the others is at the disposal of Synod.

Licentiates.—Robert Walter Piper was licensed by Illinois Presbytery at Coulterville, Ill., on May 3d, 1907; Robert Euwing Wilson, at Sharon, Iowa, by Iowa Presbytery, May 14th, 1907; Samuel Melville Morrow, by Kansas Presbytery, May 15th, 1907; Archibald Anderson Johnston and Samuel Guy Finney, by Pittsburgh Presbytery, at McKeesport, on May 14th, 1907.

Communicants.—Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Presbyteries, the Syrian Commission and the Mission in China and 45 congregations report a net increase, and Iowa, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, New York, Ohio and Rochester Presbyteries and 50 congregations report a net decrease. The others do not report any change. There is a net decrease of 11; in the American Church of 25.

Contributions.—An increase in contributions is reported in the Jewish Mission of $245; National Reform, of $1,086; Testimony Bearing, of $139; Miscellaneous, of $10,618; and a decrease in the Syrian Commission, of $644; the Mission in China, of $7,562; in Home Mission, of $2,458; in Southern Mission, of $702; in Indian, of $341; in the Theological Seminary, of $799; in Sustentation, of $194; in Church Erection, of $5,460; in the Aged Ministers' Fund, of $50; in the Widows and Orphans' Fund, of $114; in Salaries, of $815, and in totals, of $7,041.

Manses.—The number of manses is the same as last year.

J. W. Sproull, *Stated Clerk.*

REPORT OF COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Colorado Presbytery held its regular meeting in Denver, September 4th, 1906. We have eight congregations, twelve ministers and one student of theology.

Two of our congregations, Evans and Greeley, are without pastoral oversight. Greeley congregation was organized March 26th, 1907. The Oakland Mission was at last Synod transferred from the Central Board to our Presbytery. W. C. Allen has been appointed to that field and entered

on his duties there January of this year. It is the purpose of Presbytery and of the Missionary to endeavor to have a congregation in that locality. We ask $2,000 for this mission for the coming year. A mission station has been established at Content, Canada. It is under the care of the Central Board.

The salary of Dr. Kate McBurney, Presbytery Missionary to China, has been paid in full.

Frank Dean Frazier has been taken under care of Presbytery as a student of theology. He has finished one year at the theological seminary.

W. C. Allen has been received from the Iowa Presbytery. E. M. Coleman was on June 16th, 1906, certified from the Kansas Presbytery to the Colorado Presbytery. Before his certificate was received he entered the communion of the United Presbyterian Church.

The pastoral relation between J. M. Wylie and the Evans congregation was dissolved March 25th, 1907.

F. H. Acheson and J. M. Wylie are engaged in National Reform work. J. K. Robb is missionary in Tok King Chan, China.

J. M. Armour is recommended to the Board of Control to share in the Aged Ministers' Fund.

Our statistical report was forwarded to Synod's Stated Clerk. Our traveling fund is full.

We ask for full time of one laborer for the coming year. Half time of H. B. McMillan is at disposal of Synod.

J. C. French is chairman of Committee of Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Wylie, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

The Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report: We have held two regular meetings during the year. We have nine congregations under our care. Six of these have settled pastors.

The Congregation of Old Bethel became vacant on September 30th, 1906, by the resignation of Rev. E. A. Crooks. The Rev. S. J. Johnston was installed pastor of the Bethel Congregation on November 9th, 1906. The Rev. M. A. Gault was received by certificate from Kansas Presbytery on May 23d, 1907, and has accepted a call from the Oakdale Congregation. Mr. R. W. Piper was licensed to preach by the Presbytery on May 3d, 1907, and is open to appointments by the Committee on Supplies during the dates not occupied by the studies of closing year of the Seminary. Rev. E. A. Crooks desires appointments for the full time. Rev. D. S. Faris and Miss Anna George are recommended to the Board of Control for a share in the funds at their disposal. We ask for the full time of one laborer. Rev. D. C. Mathews is chairman of the Committee on Supplies. The traveling fund is paid in full.

M. M. Pearce, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF IOWA PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Iowa would respectfully report:

We held two meetings during the year.

We have nine congregations; three—Hopkinton, Washington and Hickory Grove—are without pastors.

W. Henry George, licentiate, having accepted a call from Vernon Congregation, was received on certificate from Pittsburgh Presbytery and was or-

dained and installed pastor of said congregation September 5th, 1906, by a Commission of Presbytery.

The pastoral relation between W. C. Allen and Washington Congregation was dissolved by a Commission of Presbytery, November 8th, 1906, at the request of Mr. Allen, that he might accept an appointment to the mission in Oakland, California. Mr. Allen has been certified to Ohio Presbytery.

Louis Meyer has been certified to Ohio Presbytery.

Robert E. Willson, a student of theology, having completed two years of the course in the Theological Seminary, was licensed to preach May 14th, 1907.

Howard McConaughy, a graduate of Geneva College, has been taken under our care as a student of theology.

W. J. McCullough, licentiate, having accepted a call from Lisbon Congregation, has been certified to Rochester Presbytery.

J. M. Littlejohn is engaged in secular pursuits in Chicago.

The application of the Misses Emily and Juliet Cannon for aid from the fund for the widows and orphans of deceased ministers was approved.

Robert E. Willson and Howard McConaughy were recommended to the Board of Control for a share of the Students' Fund.

The whole time of W. O. Ferguson and the vacation months of Robert E. Willson, licentiates, are at the disposal of Synod.

Presbytery asks the time of two laborers during the coming six months, and half the time of a third, and the time of one laborer and half time of a second the remainder of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Trumbull, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report: We have held one regular meeting and six meetings by Interim Commission since the last meeting of Synod. We have eighteen congregations under our care. Eleven are in charge of pastors, though one of these is now absent on account of sickness, and one is serving temporarily in the foreign field. Two ministers are serving as stated supplies, one of whom is the Superintendent of the Indian Mission. Rev. Andrew J. McFarland was released from the pastoral charge of Kansas City Congregation and is now missionary to Syria. Rev. M. A. Gault resigned the charge of Wahoo Congregation and was released from duty October 22d, 1906. He was certified to Illinois Presbytery May 15th, 1907. E. M. Coleman was certified to Colorado Presbytery June 16th, 1906. S. J. Johnston was certified to Illinois Presbytery October 4th, 1906. We have three students of theology under care of Presbytery—Wm. A. Aikin and J. D. Edgar, students of the first year, and S. M. Morrow, a second-year student, who was licensed by the Interim Commission, May 15th, 1907.

The days of fasting and thanksgiving appointed by Synod were observed in all our congregations. The chairman of our Committee on Supplies is James McCune. We ask for the full time of two laborers for the coming year.

The time of J. R. Wylie, for the months of July and August; of S. M. Morrow, till opening of Seminary; of G. R. McBurney, Isaiah Faris, for the year, is at the disposal of Synod.

We refer the following names as possible applicants for aid from the Board of Control, viz.: Mrs. Belle I. Dodds, Mrs. Jane Orr McClurkin and Mrs. M. A. McMillan, widows; Wm. A. Aikin and J. D. Edgar, students, and Rev. W. W. Wilson, incapacitated by illness.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Edgar, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of N. B. and N. S. would respectfully report:

We have held one meeting during the year.

Mrs. Margaret Lawson was recommended to the Board of Control for a share in the fund for widows and orphans.

Licentiate John Coleman supplied Barnesville eighteen Sabbaths last summer. We ask one laborer for the summer this year.

Our traveling fund is paid in full.

JAMES T. MITCHELL, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of New York would respectfully report: One regular meeting and one *pro re nata* meeting were held during the year.

By direction of Synod (see Minutes of Synod, 1906, page 105), the New York and Vermont Presbyteries were united into one Presbytery at Bovina Centre, N. Y., September 18th, 1906, and are known as the Presbytery of New York. We enroll eighteen congregations, four of which are without settled pastors.

The pastoral relationship between I. A. Blackwood and Fourth New York was dissolved January 2d, 1907, and Mr. Blackwood was certified to the Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Twenty ordained ministers are enrolled on our Presbytery, of whom three are in the foreign field, one is engaged in secular work, one is unable for regular ministerial work by reason of continued illness, and one, S. R. Wallace, is without a pastoral charge. His whole time is at the disposal of Synod. Rev. J. F. Crozier has been laboring for some time at East Craftsbury, Vt., by appointment of the Central Board.

We have under our care one student of theology of the first year, Elmer Russell, who is recommended to the Board of Control for share in Students' Aid Fund.

Miss Elizabeth R. Williams is recommended to the Board of Control for share in fund for widows and children of deceased ministers.

Rev. J. C. Slater was chosen as a member of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College to fill the place of Andrew Alexander, deceased.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time to Synod's Stated Clerk.

Our traveling fund is paid in full.

R. C. Reed is chairman of Committee of Supplies.

We require one-half time of one laborer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. ROBB, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report: In accordance with the direction of Synod last year the Presbyteries Ohio and Lakes were united under the name Ohio.

Fifteen congregations are under our care, ten of which have settled pastors. Rev. J. M. Faris was installed pastor of the Bellefontaine Congregation, June 22d, 1906.

Rev. T. C. Sproull has been certified to Pittsburgh Presbytery. The full time of Rev. Louis Meyer is taken up in religious work among the Jews.

Laboring on salary in his work, he requests no regular appointments, depending upon such opportunities for preaching as may be afforded in our congregations.

One licentiate, Ernest C. Mitchell, an appointee to the mission in China, and Bruce Elsey, a student of theology of the second year, are under our care. Alva A. Wylie has accepted the call from Youngstown Congregation and has been certified to Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Mrs. K. E. Smith and Mrs. Susan Love have been recommended for aid to the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

The full time of Rev. W. J. McBurney is at the disposal of Synod. By the joint request of Londonderry and Muskingum and Tomica Congregations, Rev. T. C. Sproull has been appointed stated supply to these places for six months, beginning the last of June or first of July.

The full time of one laborer is asked for.

J. M. Faris is chairman of the Committee of Supplies.

W. J. SANDERSON, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

The Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report: We have held two regular and two special meetings during the year. We have three congregations, all in Philadelphia, and all have settled pastors.

We make no report for Baltimore and Conococheague. J. C. McFeeters was appointed to look after the property interests of Conococheague Congregation. In addition to our three pastors we also have upon the roll of Presbytery M. Greenberg, G. M. Robb, E. F. Sherman. The full time of G. M. Robb is at the disposal of Synod. We have one licentiate, E. J. Feuersohn, who was licensed by our Presbytery, October 11th, 1906, and is laboring in connection with the Jewish Mission in Philadelphia. Mr. Feuersohn has asked for ordination. Presbytery decided to refer his request to Synod. Work in the different congregations has been carried on with an encouraging degree of success throughout the year. Days of thanksgiving and fasting were observed. All of our congregations were visited Presbyterially during the year. Our traveling fund we report in full. Our statistical report was forwarded to Synod's Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. MONTGOMERY, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

The Pittsburgh Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the year two regular meetings of the Presbytery were held. No changes have taken place in pastoral relations during the year. The number of congregations remains the same as it was a year ago—twenty-six.

Four of our aged ministers were removed by death during the year: The Rev. D. J. Shaw, February 11th, 1907; the Rev. J. J. McClurkin, February 28th, 1907; the Rev. J. R. Baird, March 9th, 1907; and the Rev. Henry Easson, March 22d, 1907. Licentiate William McKinney was also removed by death, March 13th, 1907. The Rev. T. C. Sproull was received, on May 14th, by certificate from the Lakes Presbytery. There are forty ministers on the roll of our Presbytery, a net decrease of three during the year. Of these, twenty are pastors, three having double charges; two are professors in the Seminary, and three in Geneva College; three are foreign missionaries; one has been

engaged in Testimony Bearing work; one in National Reform work; one is stated supply at Craftsbury, Vt.; one is engaged in study; one is superannuated; one is disabled, and five desire appointments for all or a part of the time. Of our licentiates, two are employed in Geneva College and four desire appointments for all or part of the time. Licentiate Augustus T. Smith withdrew from our communion, uniting with the United Presbyterian Church.

At a meeting of the Presbytery, held May 14th, 1907, Messrs. Archibald A. Johnston and Samuel G. Finney were licensed to preach the Gospel. We have three other students of theology, now of the second year, under our care. They are Paul Coleman, Walter C. McClurkin and Owen F. Thompson.

Mr. A. A. Wylie has signified his intention to accept the call made upon him by the Youngstown Congregation, and a call is now pending from the Slippery Rock Congregation upon Mr. W. O. Ferguson, which, it is hoped, he will accept. R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, J. R. Latimer, E. L. McKnight and D. R. Taggart desire appointments for the entire year. John Coleman, A. A. Johnston and S. G. Finney for the summer vacation, the latter in Pittsburgh Presbytery for the entire time. Rev. J. L. McCartney desires appointments for three months during the summer. Presbytery asks for the half time of one laborer.

Rev. J. C. K. Faris, Mrs. Nancy Reid, Mrs. Sarah Clyde and Mrs. J. C. Taylor were recommended to the Board of Control for aid from the appropriate funds. The matter of the funeral expenses of the Rev. J. R. Baird, who during his life, drew from the Aged Ministers' Fund, but none of whose family are members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, was referred to the Board of Control.

The Rev. W. J. Coleman is the chairman of the Committee of Supplies.

Our quota to Synod's traveling fund is full. Our statistical report was forwarded to Synod's Stated Clerk in due time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Thompson, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Rochester Presbytery would report as follows: During the past year two regular meetings have been held. Three of our congregations are still without settled pastors, but commendable efforts have been made by each of these to secure a pastor, and one of them, we are grateful to report, has the prospect of a settlement within a few weeks, Licentiate W. J. McCullough, who has been called to Lisbon, having accepted the call.

We have at present in our Presbytery five congregations and one mission station, two settled pastors, and one minister without charge, Rev. Wm. McFarland, whose whole time is at the disposal of Synod. We have under our care one student of theology, Mr. Robert Park, of Syracuse Congregation, who intends to enter the Seminary the coming fall, and who has been recommended to the Board of Control for share in the Students' Aid Fund.

J. B. Gilmore has been elected a member of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College, to succeed Wm. McFarland, whose term has expired.

We ask the time of one laborer for fourteen months.

The chairman of our Committee on Supplies is John Yates.

We report our traveling fund in full.

Our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Gilmore, *Clerk.*

On motion the Central Board of Missions was instructed to prepare new statistical blanks to the number of 1,500 and distribute them among the Presbyteries.

Committee on Evangelistic Work reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." "As thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." The saving of the world belongs to God; the evangelizing of it to man. The Lord, who says, "All power is given unto Me," has put into the mouth of every servant of His the words He read and expounded in the synagogue of Nazareth, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me because He hath anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor," etc. (Luke 4: 18, 19.) Nor does the obligation to herald the glad tidings rest upon ministers and missionaries alone. Every Christian is called to coöperate with God in this world campaign. There are three essential requisites to our successful prosecution of evangelistic work—faith, facts and fire.

1. We need faith—faith in God, and in God's Son, and in God's Word, and in God's Spirit, and in God's children.

"Have faith in God." Unless we believe in God's purpose to save men and to save them "now" in God's "day of salvation," we will not go out to constrain men to turn into the Gospel feast. "Behold, now is the acceptable time" —not some age in the future. "Go, work to-day in my vineyard." Then, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" "Go ye also into my vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." Do we want souls for our wages? Then let us take God at His word and go to work.

Next, we must have *faith in God's Son* as the Saviour of sinners. God hath appointed him to be a Prince and a Saviour, and unless we believe in His power to save the worst sinners on earth, we will meet with but scant success. Rich and poor; high and low; moral and immoral; good and bad—to all he is "Mighty to save." "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me."

We require also *faith in God's Word.* The Gospel "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." The Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword. Can we imagine a soul so encrusted and hardened in sin that God's two-edged sword cannot pierce it? Yet our faith in God's Word must be intelligent, not blind. His Book is a treasure-house for saint and sinner; for man in every condition and relation; for every organization and institution of man. Therefore an intelligent faith in God's Word as able to make wise unto salvation does not imply that every verse would make a suitable text for an evangelistic sermon. "Study to show thyself approved unto God; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." The Apostle's reference is to cutting the bread from the loaf with a keen blade, not turning the edge aside to spare the sin or prejudice of any wicked heart. But first choose a suitable loaf of bread. If you start to "do the work of an evangelist," choose a loaf designed, not for a civil government, but for a lost sinner; not a loaf for a ripened saint, but for a soul who knows not God; a loaf not for one who, having surrendered body, soul and spirit to Christ, desires the last and highest demand of loyalty, but one prepared by God for him who must be born again before he can even see the kingdom of God. Then, having chosen wisely the bread, "Cut to the line of truth," says the Apostle. Turn not the keen edge for the prejudice, the hatred or sin of any heart.

And in this, the dispensation of *the Spirit, we must have faith in Him;* for to Him it pertains to make the Word quick and powerful; to take of the things of Christ and show them unto us; to point sinners to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world; and to dwell in the people of God to

make them faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ, so that when we go on the errands of the King we may have assurance of success. Thus he who has faith in God's Word and God's Spirit need not question his ability to succeed in the work to which his Lord has sent him. The humility (?) which refuses to go when the resources of God's Son and God's Word and God's Spirit are promised is but unbelief and disloyalty.

2. We name, as the second essential, *facts*. And among these, the following: Sinners without God are lost; sinners from among every class are ready to hear the Gospel; and efforts to reach them are attended with success.

Sinners are dead in trespasses and sins; without the Gospel they are without God and without hope. Yet now, as in the days of our Lord, "The publicans and the harlots" hear the Gospel and "go into the kingdom of God." And where devoted servants of God have sought to evangelize, the "Friend of publicans and sinners" has revealed His salvation. If we want encouragement, let us get it from the facts. God is crowning our tardy, faltering efforts with success. To more than a score of congregations in our own little church can we point where God has abundantly blessed such efforts in evangelism. The agitation on this subject is beginning to bear fruit. Repeatedly during the last year hearts have been gladdened by the news that special evangelistic efforts were owned of God in saving souls. Let these facts cheer us. We ought to read the Acts of the Apostles, those triumphs of faith, until we get more faith of the apostolic kind; until the dry bones begin to stir within us under the touch of life, and the breath of God begins to sweep our souls. If we want quickening in evangelistic work, let us open our eyes to evangelistic facts. For God's promise to the New Testament Church is faithful all down the centuries, and to-day, and forever.

3. The third essential is *fire*—the fire of the Spirit of God. We need the fire of purity, the fire of enthusiasm, the fire of power. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit. and wih fire." Never forget that for this difficult work of God we need the *fire of purity*. Let not unclean lips speak this message; let not unholy hands handle the Bread of Life. Only when unclean lips have been touched and purged with the live coal from off God's altar; and when wicked hands have been washed in the blood of God's dear Son; and impure hearts have been cleansed by the Spirit's indwelling, may we each say: "Here am I, send me." The Holy Spirit does not dwell in the unholy heart, nor kiss the unclean lip. To the same Spirit must we look for the *fire of enthusiasm*—the fire, i. e., of *God's indwelling*. We must be set on fire of a love of God and a love of souls. God's Word must be as a fire within our bones, so that we can not forbear. May God fire our hearts so we must go, and when we go make us that we cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard! Then we must have the *fire of power*. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you." "Behold, I send forth the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." We possibly have been concerning ourselves too much about influence instead of power. "Influence" occurs but once in the Bible, and then with reference to the stars. But power—power is what men need. "And when He had called unto Him his tweleve disciples, He gave them power."

We recommend that earnest, constant and believing prayer be offered unto God until He give the Covenanter Church evangelistic faith, facts, and fire.

F. M. Wilson,
Robert Clarke,
E. A. Crooks,
J. Addison Dodds,
R. A. Adams.

Devotional exercises were engaged in, led by F. M. Foster.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M. Prayer by W. G. Carson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 P. M., Synod met and was led in prayer by the Moderator.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on State of Religion reported. Report received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the minutes, and laid over for consideration until next meeeting of Synod. The committee was continued and instructed to prosecute its work still further, and report next year at Synod.

Executive Committee of National Reform Association reported. Report received and referred to Committee on National Reform.

Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform reported. Report received and referred to Committee on Finance.

Committee on Testimony Bearing reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TESTIMONY BEARING.

While the progress of events seems often to change the issues on the surface of our national life, the one issue which underlies them all remains unchanged, and that is the controversy between the Government of the United States and the Lord Jesus Christ, the nation's Divine King. If our nation and its government would accept His authority and law all these surface questions would be in the way to a right settlement, for His law covers them all, but while the nation remains in rebellion against Him, questions and issues unending arise, with little hope of a satisfactory settlement.

Your committee aims to keep this one underlying question, the subjection of the State and of every citizen to the Lord Jesus, and the subjection of the Church as well, constantly to the front, and to further this end have been employing three lines of effort—the work of Dr. A. J. McFarland, that of the Rev. W. J. McKnight and the distribution of literature.

Dr. McFarland, Synod's lecturer, summarizes his work for the past year as follows: "The States visited were Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kansas and Nebraska. The number of addresses given was ninety-six. Of these thirty-eight were delivered in Pennsylvania, twenty-three in Ohio, ten in Michigan, nine in Indiana and four in Nebraska. Fifty-four were in Covenanter, twelve in Methodist, sixteen in Presbyterian, ten in United Presbyterian, two in Baptist and two in Christian Churches. The average attendance was nearly ninety."

"The work the past year," he reports, "has been in advance of that of previous years in the number and character of the conferences that have been held. Of these there were five, and at the following points: Geneva College Chapel, Southfield, Ray, Hebron and Tabor. At each there were three sessions, beginning with the discussion of the Kingship of Christ and ending with the argument for separation from an unchristian constitution. In two of these conferences ministers outside the Covenanter Church, as fearless witnesses, gave utterance to surprising testimonies, even declaring that our government is in flagrant rebellion against Jesus Christ. The propriety of holding conferences where there is no Covenanter organization has been considered favorably."

Dr. McFarland closes his report by saying: "As I have been brought to the close of the thirteenth year of this work, and ask to be allowed to retire from it, I wish to say that the feeling I had at the outset as to its prime importance and imperative necessity has been strengthened by these years of observation and experience, and I beg to urge that it be prosecuted with increasing earnestness and devotion. Herein is our chief ground and justification for maintaining a separate church organization. Only as we do this, our special work, faithfully can we expect to be blessed in that work that is being done by all other Christian organizations."

Your committee, in concurring in the resignation of Dr. McFarland, desires to express its appreciation of the work which he has done for the cause in the face of many difficulties. Since this work is to bear testimony for unpopular truth, a high degree of courage is required to be faithful and a great deal of tact is needed to open the way for the presentation of the message, and to keep it open. Dr. McFarland has faced the issue as a good soldier of Christ and has never been known to give unnecessary offense. He has opened up the field and has sowed it far and wide with good seed; we trust that he will bring back his sheaves with rejoicing.

The Rev. W. J. McKnight was appointed to labor two months, and in this time spoke fifty-two times in the interests of Testimony Bearing. There were ten sermons, thirty-seven lectures, two chapel addresses and three meetings with young people on our distinctive principles. A course of lectures was given at Clarinda, Blanchard, College Springs, Eskridge, Superior, Beulah and Sterling. All the lectures were well received. Mr. McKnight gives a series of lectures in one place, beginning with the sufficiency and authority of the Word of God, and taking up in order the topics of psalmody, instrumental music in worship, secret societies and political loyalty to Jesus Christ. In the fall Mr. McKnight gave eighteen sermons and lectures on these subjects in St. Louis and Southern Illinois by the arrangement of friends without any remuneration from your committee.

The work of distributing literature is carried on steadily throughout the year. We now have more leaflets than ever before, our list extending to fourteen. We have five on the various aspects of our political position, one on psalmody, three on instrumental music in worship, three on secrecy and one on the Sabbath. The Covenant of 1871 has been published in a new and attractive form. The Rev. W. W. Carithers published a very excellent address on the "Right Relation of Church and State," by the Rev. Geo. A. Edgar, which deserves a wide circulation.

An advertisement of a "Free Library," designed and inserted in several papers by Mr. J. W. Pritchard, chairman of the Testimony Bearing Committee of the Brooklyn Congregation, has given a great impulse to the circulation of these tracts. Because of this advertisement we have sent out more literature in the last eight months than in half as many years before. The tracts have gone so fast in answer to requests from all over the country that our printing bills are running up and it is difficult to keep all of them in stock at once. This is a new and very effective way of bringing our principles before the public.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That the resignation of Dr. A. J. McFarland be accepted, and that the Synod expresses its high appreciation of the service which he has rendered to the cause of Testimony Bearing.

2. That the Rev. W. J. McKnight be chosen lecturer on Testimony Bearing.

3. That all funds available be used to publish, advertise and distribute the literature setting forth the distinctive principles of the Covenanter Church.

4. That the committee be instructed to arrange for an evening meeting at next Synod.

5. That the same appropriation be made to carry on the work as heretofore.

W. J. Coleman,
R. J. Gault,
B. M. Sharp,
J. S. Thompson,
J. S. Tibby,
J. H. McBurney,
Oliver Wylie.

Board of Sustentation reported. Report received and referred to Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection.

Report of Mission Conference. Report received and referred to Committees on Finance and Nominations.

Committee on the Signs of the Times reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The Committee on the "Signs of the Times" would respectfully report:

A study of God's providence, during the past year, in the light of His Word, indicates that the Mediator is pressing to a final decision the question of His right to reign in this world. By His goodness and severity He commandeth all men everywhere to repent. As usual, His goodness has far surpassed His severity. "He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities."

Causes for Thanksgiving.

While famine has been stalking abroad in China, Japan and Russia, it has not come nigh our dwellings. To us the year has been crowned with goodness. It is pleasant to note the response of Christendom to the cry of the starving millions in these far-off lands. The spirit of brotherhood, as exemplified by Christ, is finding expression in the midst of the reign of selfishness in the world.

The evangelistic spirit which has characterized Church work of late is unabated in fervor and is proving the words of Paul to the Corinthians, "Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels."

We rejoice in the evidence of a quickened public conscience in this and other lands. In our own country the public is generally ready to listen to the appeals of men, pressing the claims of reformation principles, affecting every part of civic life. It is encouraging to note the advanced position taken by the assembly framing the constitution of the new state of Oklahoma. While all was not gained that could have been desired, there was a decided victory on the side of temperance and civic righteousness.

The recent effort of the School Board of San Francisco to exclude Japanese children from white schools has brought to the surface a strong undercurrent of public sentiment chafing under the iniquitous Chinese exclusion law. While the sentiment is not strong enough to redress the wrongs of Oriental strangers seeking our shores, it is likely to place an arrest upon further aggressions upon their rights, and has in it the promise of a better day.

The conscience of our own nation, as well as of nearly all the nations of Europe, has at last been awakened to the horrors inflicted upon the natives of the Congo State by the King of Belgium.

Fierce political partisanship, the safeguard of political demagogues, has had its teeth extracted. Citizens, as never before, feel free to decline to follow the leadership of any party, without fear of the stigma of being a so-called traitor. This is a hopeful sign, and tends to make room for reformation principles.

Vaticanism, which has imposed itself for many generations upon the southern countries of Europe, is losing its grasp. In France the conflict between the Republic and the Pope has been bitter. In Spain there has also been an awakening to the desirability of casting off the papal yoke. In France the handwriting upon the wall sealing the doom of the papal hierarchy can be read. Would that the United States might take warning!

While the nations are continuing their warlike preparations, there is an ever-increasing public sentiment which demands that disputes between governments shall be adjusted by arbitration.

The Lord is opening wide and effectual doors in our own and other lands for pressing forward reform, evangelistic and mission work. China is awakening from her long sleep, and bidding farewell to her effete past. The time is ripe for the Church to enter and take possession for the Lord.

Her efforts to suppress the opium traffic, the order to use the New Testament in two provinces comprising fifty-eight millions of inhabitants, and her copying of western civilization, show that she is reaching out for a new life. It is the Church's opportunity. It is the sky reddening toward the day of redemption, when the kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

We recommend that the annual day of Thanksgiving, the last Thursday of November, be appointed to be observed as a day of thanksgiving.

Causes of Fasting.

The goodness of God has not led to repentance. His chastisements inflicted upon us as a nation have not caused us to "Kiss the Son." There has been a general failure to recognize, as coming from the hand of God, the earthquake, fires, floods, and railway disasters. Even from the pulpit there are not many voices pointing the moral of these calamities, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

We lament the backward step taken by the U. S. Senate in deciding that Reed Smoot, a representative and apostle of Mormonism, is entitled to a seat in the U. S. Congress.

The spirit of Godless commercialism which prevails over the whole country, the public graft unearthed in so many quarters, the unspeakable moral condition of the so-called higher social life as revealed from time to time are appalling and should cause us to humble ourselves as a nation, lest God's long-suffering might cease, and we should be brought into judgment.

The Church has failed to appreciate the day of her visitation and to enter into the open doors set before her.

Our support of the Master's work has been inadequate to its needs and not according as the Lord hath prospered us.

We recommend that Thursday of the week of prayer be observed by all our people as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Hargrave,
John W. F. Carlisle,
S. Edgar.

Committee on Psalmody reported. Report was received, and taken up item by item for adoption. While the first item was being discussed the hour for adjournment arrived.

Synod adjourned with prayer by J. M. Foster, to meet at 7.45 P. M., according to action of last Synod.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place, 7.45 P. M., Synod met and was constituted with prayer by D. B. Willson, after which the programme, previously submitted to Synod for the Semi-Centennial of our Foreign Missionary Work, was carried out principally as follows:

R. M. Sommerville presiding, T. P. Stevenson giving "A Brief History of the Foreign Missions," R. J. George an address on "What the Church at Home Owes to Its Foreign Missions," and C. D. Trumbull on "Our Opportunity and Our Responsibility."

Missionary R. J. Dodds, just home from Mersina, was present, and being introduced, gave some interesting reminiscences of his life and work.

Prayer by D. H. Coulter.

Synod adjourned with prayer by R. M. Sommerville.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Saturday, May 25th, 9 A. M., Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Minutes read and approved.

Report on Psalmody taken up. Item 1 was amended and adopted. Report again laid on the table.

Paper No. 13—communication from Western Section of Alliance of Reformed Churches—was taken up. The paper was read.

Rev. Dr. George D. Matthews, General Secretary of the Alliance, was extended the courtesies of the floor, and being introduced, spoke to some length acceptably and encouragingly of the work of the Alliance.

Devotional exercises were engaged in, led by J. C. McFeeters.

Synod adjourned with prayer by D. C. Martin.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Monday, May 27th, 9 A. M., Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Report received, and taken up item by item for adoption. Items all adopted. After an address by R. M. Sommerville and a few words by R. J. Dodds, returned missionary, and R. A. Blair, John Peoples, W. M. Robb and E. C. Mitchell, newly appointed missionaries, the report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions respectfully reports: The report of the Board of Foreign Missions has been placed in our hands. A review of this report indicates that we have the manifest favor of God on our work.

1st. Our prayer, continued for a number of years, that God would send forth laborers into His vineyard, is being answered in the eight missionaries that have during the year volunteered for service.

2d. In the continued liberality of the Church in increasing her contributions for the general work of the missions, and especially in the very liberal response to the appeal made for the means to erect a church building in the city of Tarsus, the Board of Missions having asked for two thousand dollars, and the Church promptly responding with a contribution of more than three thousand five hundred dollars, the Gospel will be preached in the native city of the great Apostle of the Gentiles and a population of three thousand five hundred souls will have the opportunity of hearing the precious offer of salvation. The Church still is devoted to the cause of missions in Syria and in Asia Minor.

3d. In the continued activity of our missionaries the report shows that all have labored diligently by the preaching of the Word, by the publication and circulation of literature, by work in the schools, by pastoral oversight, and by devoted labors on the part of medical missionaries, to build up the kingdom and to save immortal souls.

4th. In the souls that are brought into the kingdom. The people are waiting upon the ordinances of Divine grace. Seven in Suadia, and prospects of more, have made application for Church membership. Twelve in the field of Latakia and surrounding district. Seventeen in Mersina, and notwithstanding the opposition in Cyprus four there have been received into the Church and in distant China men are turning from idols to the service of the living God. Eighteen have been received into the Church and twenty-five more are receiving instructions, hoping ere long to confess Christ. In our day the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

5th. In the good news that, owing to the proclamation of the highest official in Turkey, our schools in Syria and in Asia Minor will be carried on under more favorable auspices than formerly, and in that we have good reason to hope that we will have permission to open our schools in the mountain district again.

6th. In that the Church by Divine grace has been enabled to go forward unweariedly in sunshine and in gloom in the great work of Evangelism, and in the fact that to-day she is courageous in obeying the commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

Your committee makes mention of the goodness of our covenant God in permitting our honored missionary, the Rev. R. J. Dodds, accompanied by his wife and family, to arrive in our midst in safety that he may enjoy a season of rest from labor.

We recommend the following resolutions for consideration by the Synod:

RESOLVED.

1st. That we urge the members of the Church to read carefully the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, that they may be acquainted with the unwearied labors of our missionaries and that they may know that God has set seals to our efforts in saving souls.

2d. That we emphasize the need mentioned by the Board for one ministerial missionary and two lady missionaries for Asia Minor and Northern Syria, also one lady missionary for China, and we appeal for volunteers to meet the demands.

3d. That we heartily endorse the proposal of the Board to raise a special memorial fund of $25,000 for foreign mission work in this the fiftieth anniversary of our missionary work in Syria.

4th. That Rev. J. C. Slater be elected a member of the Board of Foreign Missions.

5th. That the matter of the ordination of Messrs. Earnest C. Mitchell and Wm. M. Robb be referred to their respective Presbyteries.

6th. That Rev. R. A. Blair and Licentiate Earnest C. Mitchell and William M. Robb, missionaries-elect, be heard by Synod. We also recommend that the Rev. R. M. Summerville, D.D., be heard as the representative of the Board.

7th. We recommend that the Board continue the oversight of mission study on the part of the young people of the Church.

8th. That the addresses given at the Semi-Centennial of our Foreign Mission work be referred to the Foreign Mission Board for publication and gratuitous distribution.

9th. That the Board of Foreign Missions be instructed to prepare a program for a conference on Foreign Missions for Friday evening of the next meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. WYLIE,
GEORGE R. MCBURNEY,
R. C. REED,
D. C. MCELHENY.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

No enterprise can be successful without the impetus of enthusiasm. A certain Lord Lansdowne once asked Dr. Price what he could do for the moral uplifting of a community in which he took a special interest, and this was the quick reply of the Arian minister: "Send them an enthusiast." This is what is needed, if great things are to be accomplished in the cause of Foreign Missions. Enthusiasm in the ministry and membership of the churches at home and in their chosen representatives abroad would impel to such impetuous assaults on the strongholds of the enemy that alike the visible powers that oppose the truth and the hidden forces that retard the development of the Gospel kingdom would speedily be overthrown, and all the nations of the world would fall in Christian loyalty at the feet of the enthroned Redeemer.

This is the central theme of prophecy, and no one, who is confidently looking for the day when the Lord shall take to Himself His great power and reign,

can fail to observe, as our Reformed Presbyterian Church enters upon a second half century of foreign missionary work, three facts that stand out in bold relief and challenge admiring attention:

There is, first of all, the fact that since the last meeting of Synod eight missionaries have been appointed and are either already on the field or are making arrangements for an early departure. As far as man can judge they have surrendered themselves and have been commissioned to a service to which the Lord has called them and for which He will supply the necessary equipment. Already their lives illustrate the reality and power of spiritual religion, and under the direction of the Holy Spirit their character will unite with their teaching to promote the glory of God in the salvation of souls and the reformation of the communities where they shall labor.

Alongside of this increase in the working force there stands the second fact of the growing liberality of the people for the support of their foreign representatives. While the receipts from congregations, Sabbath-schools and missionary societies for the Chinese Mission were a trifle less than last year, the receipts from the same sources for the Levant Missions were over $300 more than last year. It is not necessary, however, to burden this report with figures, as receipts and expenditures can be seen in detail in the financial statements of the treasurer, who is able to record a credit balance of $3,889 in the Syrian Mission, and a credit balance of $10,045 in the Mission to China. But it is not the condition of the current account funds that measures the liberality of the people so much as their willing offerings for special purposes. When an appeal was sent out for money to purchase a house in Tarsus, Asia Minor, they insisted on giving nearly double the amount asked for. This is most encouraging, showing that individuals and churches are being educated to the idea of stewardship in the management of their property.

The third and last fact is that, according to a press dispatch from Constantinople, which is, on the authority of the Secretary of State, "substantially correct," the Turkish Government has, after many years of delay and equivocation, issued an order declaring that "American schools in Turkey, and other institutions, for which official recognition had been demanded, shall hereafter be treated on the same footing as those of France and other favored nations." This declaration means that our schools now in operation in Syria and Asia Minor are conducted with the approval of the Sublime Porte, and probably that the work in mountain schools, closed years ago, may be resumed. At any rate, the action is a step in the direction of greater freedom from interference on the part of the local authorities. This is the doing of the Lord, and furnishes a fresh proof that He holds the right of mediatorial sovereignty over all lands, and will do His pleasure in those lands even when they refuse to recognize His supremacy.

Syria.—The work in Northern Syria seems to be in a very promising condition. The arrival of Rev. Andrew J. McFarland with his family and Miss Zada Patton, November 9th, 1906, and the prospect of welcoming others in the near future, have carried fresh courage into the hearts of missionaries on the ground who had been so long praying and looking for help.

Volunteer Services for Suadia.

Rev. J. Boggs Dodds, pastor of the congregation at Sterling, Kans., yearning over his old friends in Suadia, among whom he had once labored faithfully and who were left almost entirely destitute of Christian privileges by the death of the late Miss Meta Cunningham, offered his services to the Board for two years that he might look after their spiritual interests until the new missionaries had acquired sufficient command of the Arabic to preach the Gospel to them in their own tongue. Having obtained leave of absence from his congregation for that length of time and for that purpose, he sailed for Syria last August. Parting with wife and children, an attached people, and a large circle of friends, he went out for the sake of the Name, and since October 5th has made his home in Suadia. Untiring in his efforts to reach the perishing,

besides teaching between four and five hours a day, conducting a meeting for women on Tuesday and the regular prayer meeting on Thursday, he has held, according to the field report, "four nightly prayer meetings, each in a different part of the Orontes Valley, so that a different set of people is reached each time," and "in houses where a Gospel service would not have been thought of five years ago." As might be expected, God has blessed his ministry. He in preaching twice on Sabbath to a full house, and "upon a general invitation, given as it is each Lord's Day, seven persons wholly outside the Protestant community heretofore have risen and made requests to be received into Church fellowship," and "there is good hope that others may make a profession soon."

Owing largely to the efforts of Mr. Dodds, "the Turkish government has formally recognized the existence of a Protestant sect, both in Latakia and Suadia." "This," writes Mr. Stewart, "confers upon them various civil privileges, but we are sorry to say that these privileges are denied to any one known to the government as of Ansairia origin. Such persons are enrolled as Moslems, regardless of their profession of Christianity, and of their own wishes. This attitude makes it practically impossible to preach the Gospel to the Ansairia openly."

Latakia Center.

With similar diligence and fidelity has the work been carried on at Latakia, the center of operations in Syria. Rev. James S. Stewart reports the pulpit occupied twice every Sabbath unless it was necessary for him to be away visiting some of the five outposts, not infrequently every seat in the audience room filled at the morning service. In each of these five villages there are communicants, running from six in Inkzik to seventy-seven in Gunaimia, to whom the Gospel is preached with as much regularity as practicable either by the missionary in charge or a native evangelist. In each of them, except Jendairia and Bahamra—Ansairia strongholds—there are schools, that at Tartous, in charge of Licentiate Juraidiny, reporting one hundred and twenty names on the roll, with an average attendance of one hundred. Mr. Juraidiny also preaches every Sabbath, and, as Mr. Stewart writes, "The attendance of young men, former pupils of the school, is especially encouraging at this time, and evidently nothing but fear of persecution from the Greeks is hindering a number from becoming Protestants." The Lord's Supper was administered six times during the year, and there was an accession of twelve on profession of faith, but owing chiefly to emigration, fifteen names had to be removed from the roll, showing a net decrease of three, and a present membership of two hundred and fifty-seven.

School Work.

In this center there were four hundred and six children and young people under the instruction of ten male and five female teachers in five day and two boarding schools. In the annual statement of the Mission, Mr. Stewart calls attention to the value of these schools, and especially of the boarding schools, with forty-six boys, of whom two made confession of Christ, and fifty-five girls, of whom four were received into the fellowship of the Church on profession of faith. "The missionaries," he says, referring to Miss Maggie B. Edgar and Miss Mattie R. Wylie, "who have charge of these schools, give special attention to the religious studies and exercises, both supplementing the work of the teachers and teaching classes themselves in the Bible, Catechism, etc. There is good ground for encouragement in that so many are being taught the way of life, and that so many are deemed worthy to be received into the Church, and that there are evident signs of growth in some who have been in the Church for a time. Although we do not see evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence and power that we long for, yet we labor and pray in the confident expectation that the blessing will yet be given, and so our labors shall not be

in vain in the Lord. These boys and girls represent some fourteen different villages and five different sects, and this is a factor of no small importance in estimating the influence of such schools. The word of life may be thus carried to many homes and to many villages where there is no hope, under present conditions, of the formal preaching of the Gospel." In view of this, there is pressing need of another missionary teacher in this field.

Medical Department.

The medical department has also been conducted with good results. Dr. Balph reports eighteen hundred visits to patients at their homes, not less than one thousand office patients, and an average of forty at the tri-weekly clinics, and then adds: "Since the religious services at these clinics were largely attended by those classes of persons who are practically inaccessible by any other means at our command, we have been able to present the truth to a large number who otherwise would not have heard it at all." Speaking of the hospital, where a hundred cases were treated during the year, the Doctor says: "Many of those who came under our care were entirely ignorant of the Bible," and "in a number of instances the daily religious instruction given in the hospital has borne fruit in the changed lives of those who received it." The interests of this department demand the immediate appointment of a matron for the hospital.

Asia Minor.—About ninety miles northwest of Latakia lies Mersina, the port of entrance to our field in Asia Minor. The work, which includes the three cities of Mersina, Tarsus and Adana, with outlying villages, was not very satisfactory to the missionaries at the beginning of the year for a variety of reasons, which will be found in their annual statement, but it seems now to have taken on a more vigorous life.

Religious Services.

The Lord's Supper was administered three times, and as the tabulated statistics show, there were seventeen added to the membership of the Church, but owing to death, defection and the removal of ten from the bounds of the Mission, the eighty-six communicants enrolled must be reduced to sixty-five at present in good standing. There was preaching in Mersina twice each Sabbath, as well as a mid-week prayer meeting, conducted by one of the ministers in charge, and in the language of the field report, "a number of cottage preaching services have been held in a quarter of the town distant a mile or so from the Mission, with a very encouraging attendance, both as regards numbers and interest manifested." Rev. C. A. Dodds will occupy the pulpit during the absence of his brother, Rev. R. J. Dodds, who, after a prolonged term of arduous service alone, has been granted a furlough which he will spend among his friends in this country, or until another minister is appointed to go to his assistance. And, in the judgment of the Board, it is imperative for his own comfort and for the successful development of the work that he should have an associate as soon as practicable.

School Work.

There were two hundred and ninety pupils under instruction in this field during the year, of whom two hundred and fifty were in the two schools at Mersina, "classified as follows: two Armenians, two Roman Catholics, six Moslems, seven Jews, nine Jacobites, eighteen Protestants, thirty Fellahin, and one hundred and seventy-six Greek Orthodox." Miss E. M. Sterrett has the responsible oversight of both these schools, and, although she labors on without expressing any dissatisfaction and is accomplishing good results, it is not right to ask her to carry so heavy a burden alone. There should be another American teacher, and the position is a most desirable one for any young woman who wishes to devote her life to missionary work.

Cheering Items.

The Mission is cheered by the generous contribution of the Church at home for the purchase of a house in Tarsus, and also by the appointment of Dr. John Peoples, a graduate of the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, and an esteemed elder of the Second Church of the Covenanters in that city, as medical missionary. He expects to leave for Mersina in October.

Cyprus.—Less than ninety miles southwest of this field and about sixty miles west of our field in Northern Syria, is the island of Cyprus, where work is carried on by Rev. Walter McCarroll and his brother, Dr. Calvin McCarroll. Recent events, seemingly adverse, have led one of them to say, "The visible results are not encouraging," and the other, "The spiritual results are not so evident as we could wish, but results are with the Lord, and we shall labor on." The Gospel has been preached faithfully at three central points, and the Lord's Supper has been administered five times. There was an accession of four, but this increase was wiped out by the removal of four members from the island. The attendance at the school in Larnaca was not so large as formerly, but, according to the field report, there were forty-eight pupils, including fourteen Turkish boys, enrolled, the income from tuition fees showed a fair profit, and "Bible teaching was more systematic and thorough than in former years."

Opposition in Nicosia.

The chapel at Nicosia, a gift of Mr. Peponiades, was dedicated on the second Sabbath of March, not without tokens of the Divine presence and favor. But since that time it has been the scene of confusion and disturbances that interrupted the service and resulted in some slight damage to the property. The ringleaders, who seem to have been chiefly boys, were arrested and tried before Judge Parker, an Englishman, who imposed fines and imprisonments, told them that the British Government secured to every one the right to worship God according to his convictions, and warned them that he would act with greater severity if they were ever brought before him again on a similar charge. The promise which Mr. McCarroll quotes to encourage his own heart in a crisis hour is indeed a spring of comfort and courage, when the enemy threatens: "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God," etc. Temporary repulses are not only not defeats, but are not infrequently the forerunners of victory.

Medical Department.

The "Martha J. Shaw Memorial" building has also been completed, and thus the beneficence of the late Rev. D. J. Shaw has provided for our medical missionary and his family a comfortable and convenient home. Although busily engaged since last July in superintending the erection of these buildings, Dr. McCarroll did not neglect his bi-weekly clinics, at which there was an average attendance of about thirty patients, and which are connected with devotional exercises in Greek and Turkish, and the distribution of tracts.

China.—In remarkable contrast with the disturbed condition of things in Cyprus and the persistent opposition of the Greek Church to Protestant Christianity is the glad reception given to our missionaries and their teachings in China. The individual reports of the missionaries are full of interesting details that make up a most inspiring story of successful labors.

Church Membership.

There were eighteen added to the Church during the year, a net increase of thirteen making a present membership of fifty-three native communicants. There were more applicants than on any former occasion in the history of the Mission, partly, in the opinion of Rev. A. I. Robb, the result of evangelistic tours into the surrounding country, and "partly owing to the hospital and school work, but perhaps most of all owing to the earnest work of some of

our members." Twenty-five persons enrolled as catechumens, and five of these are literary men, and one a first-class graduate. These represent five new communities where the Gospel has not had a foothold." Speaking of these applicants in a recent letter, Rev. Julius Kempf relates this touching incident: "Four are young men, and their coming out into the light is the result of Chi Tung's steadfastness under persecution. Chi Tung became a believer about a year ago, and when he announced the fact to his people they started in to scold and beat him, and used various other means to turn him from his new faith. Shortly afterward he was baptized, and when he returned home and it became known that he had identified himself with the Christians, his relatives and members of his own family seized him and bound him and gave him a severe beating. Among the persecutors were these four men. Chi Tung's persistency in holding on to the new faith aroused their interest, and although they were bitter against him, they could not help but think that there must be something in this new belief when for the sake of it a man would endure so much. One of them, who happens to be an older brother of Chi Tung, came to the hospital some months ago for treatment, and while here he showed bitter opposition to Christianity, and in conversation with the native Christians, tried to argue against it. But the matter evidently did not rest peaceably on his mind. When he returned home he took a Testament and a goodly supply of tracts with him. The power of the word and Chi Tung's example soon brought him and the other three men under conviction, and at Communion time they came to declare their belief and ask for admission to the Church. When Mr. Robb questioned them the brother's face so lit up that one could easily recognize that he had indeed found the true light."

Training School.

Besides conducting the Communions and the special preparation for those services, such as the examination of candidates and a week of Bible study, our senior missionary opened a training class for native workers March 20th, 1906, and at the close of the first term of four months, which was largely devoted to a study of the Life of Christ, the four students in attendance had, in the language of the report, "memorized the outline up to the close of the Perean ministry, each one giving it complete on examination day, and could enlarge on any item called for." They had also "memorized one question in the Shorter Catechism each day," and at the end of the second term of three months and a half, January 17th, 1907, had completed it as well as the Life of Christ, and had reached the eighteenth chapter of the Acts in their New Testament studies. This class, which also receives instruction in arithmetic, geography and universal history, in the Chinese Classics and the "reading and writing of Chinese in Roman characters," always began its work with devotional exercises; "and every evening worship was held not only for the students, but for the hospital assistants and such patients and others as could come."

Religious Services.

In the "Robert McNeill Memorial Chapel" there was public worship twice every Sabbath. The morning services, which were generally conducted by Rev. J. K. Robb, "have been," he writes, "much the same in character as such services in our home churches, the purpose being to build up the converted in the faith and also to bring the knowledge of Jesus Christ to those yet in ignorance of Him." At the afternoon meeting, which is specially intended for the unconverted, and at which the students speak, the attendance has been much larger than usual, and the results most encouraging. In order to reach with the Gospel those who do not attend the regular services, a building has been erected in the city "with three good-sized rooms." On the first floor there are two rooms, which will be used, one for preaching services and the other for a preparatory training school for boys, while the room on the second floor will be fitted up

as a reading room and "stocked with Chinese literature, most of which will have a direct bearing on the Christian religion." It is worthy of honorable mention that "a fair proportion of the cost of this property," about $750 in gold, "is being borne by the Christian converts." During the absence of Rev. A. I. Robb for a few months this summer, the school for boys, which was opened in this building in March, will be in charge of Rev. Julius Kempf, whose "time," as he reports, "has been almost wholly taken up in the study of the language," with an occasional address at the Chinese prayer meeting and teaching a Bible class Sabbath mornings.

School Work.

Six of the baptized members of the Church at Tak Hing Chau are the fruit of the school which Mrs. Wright has carried on so efficiently without any remuneration except the satisfaction of doing good. In April, 1906, she was left without any native help till the summer vacation, but the Drs. McBurney came loyally to her assistance. When the school was resumed in October, Lo Lau Yung, who some years ago was rescued from slavery by Rev. and Mrs. A. I. Robb, was appointed teacher. Mrs. Wright describes her as "a good strong girl, with a determination to make things go, and a love for children." And she adds: "We are pleased and encouraged with her work in the school."

The primary object of this school is to bring children to the Saviour, and in view of the results that are sure to flow from this form of service, it seems strange that there is no response to repeated calls for a missionary teacher to go to this field. The work, however, is the Lord's, and we must look to Him to qualify and, when the set time has come, to send forth young women whose labors He will own for the accomplishing of His purpose.

Medical Department.

The "Gregg Memorial Hospital," a monument to the liberality of Mrs. M. M. Gregg, of Central Allegheny Congregation, is completed and presents a fine appearance. It consists of a main building, with two wings, and is divided into two departments, with a capacity for forty beds. There is also a private ward, and one of the women's wards is named the "Wiggins Ward" in memory of Mrs. S. R. Wiggins, of First Philadelphia.

The Chinese name of this institution is, when translated into English, "The Hospital of Benevolence," and the standing rule of the institution is that "no one shall be turned away without medical treatment or without hearing the Gospel." The male department is in charge of Dr. J. M. Wright, and the female department is under the direction and control of Drs. Kate and Jean McBurney, who speak of their work as at once "interesting and hopeful." Without quoting their reports in full, it would not be possible to give the Church any clear conception of what the Redeemer is effecting through the instrumentality of medicine and surgery at Tak Hing Chau. The contact of these three Christian physicians with patients in the hospital, their professional visits in the homes of the people, and their calls to treat patients in distant villages indicate opportuities for making known the Saviour that are not allowed to pass unimproved, and whose possibilities no human mind can measure.

Extending the Work.

The missionaries are unable to report any progress in Do Sing, where a building was rented in the spring of 1906. But they can speak of an encouraging outlook at Lin Tatt, a town about twenty miles southwest of Tak Hing Chau and "located in the midst of a fertile and populous section of country," where they secured a building in September, and which they visited several times last winter. There is also a cheering prospect of being able to extend the work into other fields, "both north and south," so that the new missionaries, Rev. R. A. Blair, of Utica, O., and Licentiates W. M. Robb and E. C

Mitchell, who expect to leave for China in the autumn, will be a welcome reinforcement. Their Presbyteries should take action in regard to the ordination of Messrs. Robb and Mitchell.

General Items.

The Board will close its report with four general items:

As a call has been issued for another minister and two school teachers for the Syrian Mission, involving additional expense, and as there is a pressing demand for more laborers to cultivate the fields in the Levant, we believe that the present annual appropriation of $15,000 should be advanced to $17,500.

Acting on the instruction of Synod, the Board recommended "Christus Redemptor" as a suitable text-book for mission study classes. Although no formal report has been received from Rev. I. A. Blackwood, who was elected Educational Secretary, there is good reason to believe that through his efforts the book has been studied very generally by societies and churches.

Arrangements have also been made to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of our Foreign Missions on Friday evening, May 24th. The programme herewith presented, provides for three addresses; singing three selections from the Psalter; volunteer remarks by members of the court which should not exceed two minutes; and prayer.

In this connection we take the liberty of suggesting an appeal to the churches to raise a semi-centennial fund of at least $25,000 to be employed in extending the work of foreign missions. The importance of such a movement was called to our attention by Rev. T. M. Slater, of Seattle, Wash., who said that he had $100 for that purpose and was sure that others were waiting for an opportunity to contribute. We are convinced that, if the young ministers are ready to take up this matter and push it, the fund may already be regarded as an accomplished fact.

R. M. Sommerville,
Corresponding Secretary.

Devotional exercises were engaged in, led by Thomas McClement.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M. Prayer by D. G. McKee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 P. M., Synod met and was led in prayer by E. G. Elsey.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The following were granted optional attendance: J. S. McGaw, W. G. Robb, J. R. Latimer.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to the following: Rev. D. A. McClennahan, D.D.; Rev. J. F. Carson, D.D.; Rev. J. J. Huston, D.D.; Rev. Thomas Park, Rev. J. A. Cosby, Rev. T. Edgar.

The sermon preached by the retiring Moderator at the opening of Synod was requested for publication. Collection for janitor, $20.38.

Bills for printing, etc., referred to Committee on Finance.

Order of the day postponed to allow Board of Corporators and Board of Trustees of Geneva College to report. Reports received and referred to Committees on Theological Seminary and Education, and Finance.

Committee on Home Missions reported. Report received and taken up item by item for adoption. With Item 6 amended, the items were all adopted. After representatives of the different missions had been heard, the report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions would respectfully report:

Three papers have been referred to us:

First. The report of the Central Board of Missions.

Second. The report of the Jewish Mission Board.

Third. A paper from the Ohio Presbytery relative to mission work among the mountaineers of the Southland.

The reports of the Boards are full of encouragement, showing that the work committed to them has been carefully supervised, and that it is in very satisfactory and flourishing condition. The Boards are to be highly commended for the fidelity with which they have discharged their duties.

The Central Board has under its care the Domestic Mission work of the Church, together with the Southern Mission and the Indian Mission. In addition to supervising the distribution of funds to those congregations that receive aid from the Domestic Mission Fund, the Board has carried forward work at Content, Alberta, and at Craftsbury, Vt. The increasing number of Covenanters seeking homes in Alberta gives good reason to believe that the time may not be very far distant when we will have a self-supporting congregation at Content. At Craftsbury, Vt., property interests of the Church seem to make it imperative that work shall be continued for a time, at least, though the prospects of ultimately reorganizing the congregation do not seem to be very encouraging. The large overdraft on this fund of two years ago has been entirely wiped out, and the Board is able to report a balance of $262.65. There should be no diminution, however, in the support given to this work, but rather enlarged gifts.

The work of the Southern Mission presents many encouraging features, and calls for grateful recognition of God's favor. The health of the laborers has been good, increasing numbers have attended the Mission and spiritual influences have been markedly present. The increased attention to the industrial features of the work has greatly added to its value, and should be encouraged. The large balance in the treasury of this Mission testifies to the deep interest the Church takes in this department of her work, and justifies the enlarging of the work as opportunity is afforded. The encouraging condition of the work in East Selma, and the large balance in the treasury of this Mission would seem to be an indication of Providence that there should be an enlargement of the work at this point.

The zeal that has ever characterized the work of the Indian Mission has been in no way abated during this year. The missionaries have been instant in season and out of season, eagerly seeking to enter every open door that has been set before them, and to present the Gospel to all who would receive it. In its religious features this work has always been strong, while its educational and industrial features have been given due prominence. The increase of godless influences in the vicinity of the Mission, and the revival of the ancient heathen worship, are evidences of Satan's activity, and may be taken as a testimony to the efficiency of the work that is being done. But the way

to the throne is still open, and prayer should be made continually on behalf of this work. The balance in the treasury of this Mission is less than it was one year since by more than $2,000, and the Church should see to it that larger gifts are given to this Mission, else instead of a balance we will have an overdraft one year hence.

The work of the Jewish Mission, under the supervision of the Jewish Mission Board, has gone forward steadily, and not without marked evidences of the Divine favor. Those who have offered their services so willingly to this Mission will not fail of their reward. The retirement of the Rev. G. M. Robb from this work leaves a vacancy that it is desirable shall be filled as soon as a suitable person can be obtained. Mr. and Mrs. Feuersohn have been untiring in their labors, but there seems to be necessity for an ordained minister, able to speak the language of the people, in order that the Mission may attain its highest efficiency. The claims of these people upon us are strong and our obligations to them are imperative.

The mountaineers of the Southland number about 4,000,000, at least 1,000,000 of whom are well nigh utterly destitute of the Gospel. They have many claims upon us that we undertake the work of giving them the Gospel. There are many reasons, as, for instance, the names that are found so frequently among them, for believing that they are of like origin with ourselves, and that in their veins runs the blood of a Covenanter ancestry. They are not only open to the Gospel, but are eager to hear it. Through the trying times of the rebellion they remained true to the Union and were ever unalterably opposed to human slavery. Patriotic as well as spiritual considerations should move us to undertake the work of giving them the Gospel, if the conditions are such as to at all warrant this. Two of our ministers have recently visited these mountaineers, and while finding their material as well as their spiritual destitution very great, they found them eager to hear the Gospel and wondrously quick to respond to it.

The long and faithful service of Dr. D. B. Wilson on the Central Board is deserving of recognition by the Synod, and it will be with feelings of regret that every one will learn of his desire to be relieved from further service upon this Board.

We recommend:

1. That the work of Home Missions be kept constantly before our people, and that they be urged to give the fullest and most hearty support to every department of this work.

2. That the work in Alberta be continued under the care of the Central Board for the present, and that Colorado Presbytery be directed to take steps for the organization of a congregation when, in the judgment of those familiar with the work, the time has arrived for this step.

3. That the Board be commended for its oversight of the work in Craftsbury, Vt., and be directed to continue the work there so long as the conditions shall warrant or make necessary the work.

4. That the Board be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to render more effective the work in East Selma by seeking more commodious and appropriate accommodations.

5. That prayer be made continually on behalf of our work among the Indians, now so seriously threatened by the adverse influences that surround it; that God will destroy the counsel of the evil one; that he will bring back those that have been led astray; and that he will shield all those who are his own.

6. That the Central Board be authorized to take immediate steps for the inauguration of mission work among the mountaineers of the Southland.

7. That the resignation of D. B. Wilson as a member of the Central Board be accepted, and the Committee on Nominations be directed to nominate his successor.

8. That the Central Board and the Jewish Board be heard through such representatives as they have designated, and that the Rev. A. A. Samson be heard on behalf of work among the mountaineers of the Southland.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. THOMPSON,
J. S. McGAW,
J. H. McBURNEY,
S. R. FARIS.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Our work in the different departments has been carried on during the past year with encouraging success. There has been no serious sickness in any of the missions. Our financial exhibit is good.

DOMESTIC MISSION.

Content, Alberta.—Rev. T. M. Slater, by appointment of the Board, visited this field in August, 1906. His report was so encouraging that the Board appointed Rev. Wm. McFarland to labor there. He arrived at Content on the 8th of December, 1906, and has remained until the present time. Sabbath services have been held regularly, either in the school house or in the homes of the members. A Sabbath-school has been organized. We have a membership now of seventeen. A number from other parts of the Church have signified their intention of locating here at an early day. The prospect of organizing a self-supporting congregation is reasonably good. There is no church building nearer Content than twenty miles, and no other Sabbath service is held nearer than eight miles.

Craftsbury, Vt.—Dr. H. H. George was appointed to visit this congregation. After hearing his report, the Board appointed Rev. J. F. Crozier to labor there. He reached East Craftsbury on the 1st of September, 1906, and has remained there the greater part of the time since. His wife accompanied him, but on account of the severity of the climate and other reasons was obliged to return home after a short stay. We have now a membership there of fifteen. Of those who formerly were connected with us, sixteen have not as yet united with any other Church. By order of the court, the church building is at our disposal on Sabbath mornings, and at the disposal of the United Presbyterians on Sabbath afternoons. The family of the United Presbyterian minister occupies the parsonage. The question as to whom this and the church building belong is in litigation. We deem it advisable to have regular preaching there.

We lay on the table of Synod the report of A. J. McFarland, Jr., Secretary of the Bureau of Information.

Dividends		$3,389 56
Bequests		1,990 83
Receipts from other sources		7,128 30
Total		$12,508 69
May 1, 1906, balance overdrawn	$918 85	
Expenditures	11,327 19	12,246 04
May 1, 1907, balance overdrawn		$262 65

We ask for this mission $10,000.00.

SOUTHERN MISSION.

Some changes have been made in the Mission force during the year. At the present time it is as follows:

Superintendent. Rev. J. G. Reed; grade 1, Mrs. G. M. Sims; grade 1, assistant, Miss Anna Sims: grades 1 and 2, annex, Miss Augusta Buck; grade

3, Miss Carlena Smith; grade 4, Miss Sophia Kingston; grade 5, Miss Dora Robb; grade 6, Miss Margaret Martin; grades 7 and 8, Miss Lizzie Brown; high school, Miss Anabel Stewart; high school and cooking, Miss Margaret Greer; sewing, Miss Mary Fowler; carpentry, Wilbur M. Bottoms; music, Mrs. J. G. Reed; Pleasant Grove, Mrs. Louise Kynett; East Selma, Mrs. S. F. Kingston; Valley Creek Sabbath-school, Mrs. Anna Sims.

Tuition in Knox Academy, $1,173.79, the largest amount in the history of the Mission. Date of closing, May 21st, 1907.

The Selma school opened on the first of October and closed on the thirty-first of May. The total enrollment during the year was 524; 58 more than last year; average attendance 368; 27 of an increase. This is the largest since Mr. Reed has had charge. "The course of study has been practically the same as last year, and the teachers have reported that in almost every instance, the work assigned has been completed."

Mrs. Reed, who has charge of the musical department, was not able to do the usual work in the school. During the two closing months she spent a great deal of time in a vocal drill for the different grades preparatory to the closing exercises. She had a large number of private pupils to whom she gave lessons on the piano. "This department," Mr. Reed states, "deals with the pupils along a line in which they are naturally gifted. It is a source of great pleasure to them and has an educational value and refining influence." Mrs. Reed's services for the work done in the school in this department are given gratuitously.

Five of the scholars graduated this year; three in the regular school and two in the industrial department. The latter course substitutes extra industrial work for the Latin and Geometry in the Academic course. All of these graduates are church members; three being members of our own.

"The plan of the Bible and Catechetical work has been practically the same as last year. Every child in the school committed on an average 331 portions of Bible and Catechisms; in grades 1 and 2, the Children's Catechism; in grade 3, Brown's Short, and in grades 4 and 6, the Westminster has been committed throughout. Grades 7-11 committed the entire Sabbath-school lesson each week."

"The regular morning Sabbath-school under the care of the congregation, and of which Prof. Bottoms is superintendent, and the afternoon Bible class at which the Blakeslie Life of Christ and Apostolic series of lessons were taken up, have been the agencies of special effort on Sabbath among the pupils. The afternoon class is especially for pupils of other denominations who wish to attend their denominational school in the morning." The attendance at the morning Sabbath-school averaged 143, and the afternoon Bible class 147. Pupils of the day school not attending their class on Sabbath are detained Monday evening and the Sabbath lesson is gone over.

Special evangelical services were held previous to the spring communion, at which Rev. C. M. Smith assisted. "The result of it all," Mr. Reed writes, "was a spiritual awakening that reached in all directions. Believers saw the need of a closer walk of fellowship with Christ; careless and faithless church members were brought back; eight were added to our Church and several others to other Churches."

Industrial Department.

Miss Fowler was able to give her entire time to the sewing department except that required for the teaching of one class in history. There is an enrollment of 299. The total number of garments made is 360. The senior girls made their own commencement dresses. This will, hereafter, be a requirement for those receiving certificates. The total expenses were $77.51; receipts $79.81; leaving a net income of $2.37, a slight gain over last year.

Miss Greer, in addition to teaching four classes, had charge of the

cooking department. Work in it begins with the fifth grade and continues through the High School. This year a new departure was made, viz.: the selling of lunches to the pupils at noon. This was done for the purpose of keeping pupils off the street at noon; of helping to meet expenses and to enable more practical work to be done by providing for the sale of the product. These expectations were fully met. The expenses of the department were $242.06. Receipts, $259.32; leaving a net gain of $7.26.

In the carpentry department under Prof. Bottoms there was an enrollment of 202. Mr. Reed remarks that "there has been a higher order of work done by all classes as compared with the same classes last year. The contractors of the city have recognized the merit of our work by giving higher wages to our boys than to other apprentices." The expenses were $135.74. Receipts, $25.90; a net cost of $109.84. The high price of lumber and a new rip-cross-cut saw machine explain the increased expenditure. Besides, this year there were not as many high-priced orders to fill. The repairs and improvements made by this department saved to the mission a considerable item of expense.

Improvements have been made on the mission property. The grounds have been put in good order, cement walks laid, a new fence built, the buildings and fence painted, &c., &c. These were all needed and add much to the general appearance.

Pleasant Grove.—The school opened November 5th and closed April 26th. The enrollment was 119; average attendance, 76. There was a summer term during July and August. The Sabbath-school attendance was 65; average attendance, 35. Mr. Reed preached here the third Sabbath of each month to an audience of about 60. A one room addition was made to the house, the cost of which was considerably less than it otherwise would have been on account of the work done by Prof. Bottoms, Mr. Kynett and Mr. Reed. Mr. Kynett has greatly improved the place. What he has done is not without an effort on the neighborhood, as an object lesson; $31.42 were collected for tuition.

Valley Creek.—Mr. Reed preached here the first Sabbath of each month. There is a Sabbath-school of which Miss Anna Simms has charge. The enrollment was 25; average attendance, 17; collection, $2.25.

East Selma.—School began October 1st and ended May 17th. There was an enrollment of 60; average attendance, 40. The attendance is limited only by the capacity of the building. The Sabbath attendance was often above 60. Mrs. S. F. Kingston was in charge. The income from tuition was $58.68, and from two contributions $60.50. In order to provide suitable accommodations for this promising opening there will be an increased outlay of not much less than $1,500.00.

Mr. Reed regards this as the best year since his connection with the mission. In closing his report he adds, "the school has been as full as we could accommodate. The total enrollment for the entire mission was 705, 1 more than last year, with 1 school less; average attendance, 457; an increase of 7. The average number of verses in the Catechisms committed by each of the 457 pupils for the year was 288."

There were helpful visits from Dr. R. C. Wylie, Rev. and Mrs. Easson, Elder Leslie, his wife and two sisters, Miss Johnson, of Wilkinsburgh, Miss Anderson, of Alexis, Alabama, and Mrs. McCoy, a classmate of Mrs. Reed.

May 1, 1906.	Balance	$2,816 01
	Bequest	2,078 08
	Dividends	842 10
	Other sources	4,207 00
	Total	$9,943 19
	Expenditures	5,788 03
	Balance May 1, 1907	$4,155 16

We ask for this mission, $5,000.00.

Indian Mission.

There have been a few changes in the mission force this year. Miss Elma French, of Winchester, took the place of Miss Mary Adams, who resigned to take up school work. Mr. W. S. McAnlis and daughter were compelled, on account of their health, to ask for a release for a year from the work, and the care of the girls was taken by Miss Mary Carithers. In March, Mr. Lloyd Ewing was employed on the farm. Dr. Ida M. Scott was obliged to remain at home during the year.

The school opened on the 10th of September, 1906, and closed on the 6th of May, 1907; 59 pupils were enrolled. School was in session 235 days. The regular school branches were taught as usual, and the children show a decided increase in interest and ability to understand what they are taught.

One period each day was given to singing under the direction of Miss Coleman, and the children were made familiar with the Psalms and music so that they can easily use a copy of the selection of the Psalms in their homes during the summer.

The Sabbath-school lesson was taught each week in the school room The total number of Bible verses committed during the year was 22,757; the largest number committed by any one child was 1,290. Among the portions of scripture committed were John's gospel entire; Proverbs 4th and 8th chapters; Psalms 23 (in prose) 19, 24, 51, 107 and 121; Isaiah 55; Joshua 1st; 1st Kings 3d; 1st Cor. 15th. The Old Testament characters studied were Joseph, Job and Joshua. The children made advance in ability to locate Bible texts by chapter and verse, and in making apt quotations when called on during the discussion of a subject. The Catechism was also regularly studied. One division completed the Shorter Catechism and another grade memorizing through to the Fifth Commandment. The primary grade completed the study of Brown's Short Catechism. Twenty-six children wrote on Monday what they remembered of the sermon preached the day before.

The Lord's Supper was dispensed once during the year. Rev. A. Kilpatrick, D.D., assisted. One elder and two deacons were ordained and installed this spring. There was a total accession of nine. There was no net increase.

The opposition this year has been more determined than ever before. The hurtful influence of the godless element of the whites has been more felt than in any year since they occupied the land, mainly in the saloon. Some of the boys trained in the school have been led into intemperate habits.

There appears to have been a revival of the old heathen worship. Some who were members have attended and taken part. Many who appeared favorable to our work have turned their attention to the old way.

The mission school in the mountains among the whites has been kept up through the year, and as often as possible a sermon preached in the school house where the services were held. A number of services were held in another direction, about nineteen miles from the mission where two families of our people live.

Miss Emma McFarland has made excellent progress in acquiring the Apache language. On the Sabbath when the Apaches camped in our vicinity (within ten miles), she and some other workers would visit them and hold one or more services with them on the Sabbath. This usually consisted of a study of the Sabbath-school lesson for the day. The attendance at all of these services as also at the mission, was good.

The products of the farm were fairly abundant. The equipment both in stock and machinery was improved during the year. There is every prospect that the broom factory will become quite a feature of the work and more than fulfill expectations.

Grateful acknowledgment is made by Mr. Carithers of the help extended to the mission by various missionary societies and individuals who sent supplies of various kinds for the use of the mission.

May 1, 1906. Balance			$3,096 88
Dividends		$105 00	
Bequests		700 00	
From all other sources		5,418 30	6,223 30
			9,320 18
Expenditures			8,419 27
Balance April 30, 1907			900 91

We ask for this mission, $4,000.00.

Prof. Willson resigns as a member of the Board in order that he may give his entire attention to his seminary work. The professor has attended regularly our meetings and ever manifested an interest in our work. We regret that he finds it necessary to sever his connection with the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Sproull, *Chairman.*
W. J. Coleman, *Secretary.*
A. C. Coulter, *Corresponding Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF JEWISH MISSION.

The Jewish Mission, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, is happy to be able to report progress.

In the days of the apostles we read that the missionaries declared to the Church, "all things that God had done with them."

The mission is the Lord's; the missionaries are His servants; the work of the Gospel is His work; therefore it has been our endeavor to make this report a simple narrative of the Lord's doings in this field of service.

This work among the children of Israel has been carried forward by our missionaries during the year with diligence and zeal. The number of people directly and indirectly reached by the Gospel cannot be known, nor can the work of grace in their hearts and lives be estimated. Statistics in such matters are without value.

For the Church's encouragement we quote the following from reports given by our missionaries:

Mr. E. J. Feuersohn: "The Sabbath evening services are well attended by the scholars of the night school and other Jews, who come regularly to the meetings and join with us in singing Psalms and praising God. We have on our Sabbath-school roll 55 names, and an average attendance of 35. The night school has been the means of bringing many into the Gospel meetings, and brings us often in contact with people newly arrived in our city. The dispensary is well patronized, twice a week, mostly by Jewish women and children. Dr. Caldwell is ever faithful in this part of the work. Many are grateful for his services, and go from the room saying in their own tongue, 'God bless our fine Christian doctors.' The aggregate of Jewish men and women who have been at the mission during the last three months is about 1,100. We visit in the homes of our people. It is very cheering to see their interest in learning the truth of Jesus. Sometimes visitors drop in while we are calling at a house, and from eight to fifteen persons are in one room eager to catch every word. The Jewish women are always pleased to have Mrs. Feuersohn visit them in their homes."

Miss Mary F. Bell: "The room occupied by the sewing class is sufficient to accommodate 50 girls, but we are limiting the class at present to 35, for lack of helpers. Our sewing girls are seldom absent from class. It has been thought best to allow only the girls of the Sabbath-school to have the advantage of the sewing school, and even with this regulation we have been receiving a steadily increasing number of applicants. We began work with an attendance of 18 girls, ranging from eight to fourteen years; this number was doubled during the first month, and no doubt would have been quadrupled had we had helpers in the work. For the reason mentioned we turn away from four to ten girls a week. I find it a great pleasure to visit the homes of these girls. I have very little difficulty talking with the mothers, although at times I need an interpreter. The majority of these homes are very destitute. It grieves us that we can do so little for them. It is hard to see the sad faces all about us reflecting the still sadder souls that are actually starving for lack of the Bread of Life."

This work of the Mission of the Covenant to Israel goes forward with system and tact, under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, in each of its various departments, through the diligence of our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Feuersohn, Miss Mary F. Bell, Miss Mattie J. Henry and Dr. A. Caldwell; Mrs. Feuersohn, Miss Henry and Dr. Caldwell kindly giving their services without compensation.

Rev. G. M. Robb, after a faithful service of two years and three months, resigned the superintendency. His resignation being accepted with much reluctance by the Board, took effect January 1st, 1907, at which time he withdrew from this field and entered upon other work for the Church.

Mr. William G. Carson, an elder of the First Church of the Covenanters of Philadelphia, highly esteemed among the churches, and much experienced in city mission work, was elected superintendent as Mr. Robb's successor, and since his acceptance has filled the place with much wisdom and diligence.

The Board desires to put on record its gratitude to the Lord for all His goodness to the house of Israel through this mission, and to the Covenanters Church for the deep and prayerful interest manifest in the cheerful and abundant financial support given. The Jewish Mission like our other missions, truly is carried in the hearts of the people, the officers and the ministers of the Covenanter Church.

During the coming year we trust the Lord will extend the work and increase the force of workers. Our prayer is that He in His wisdom and love may soon call into this field of service a young minister, or licentiate, whom He will qualify by His Holy Spirit for ministering unto the Hebrew people the Gospel with wisdom and ability. The work is difficult, as it is important. It is practically a foreign mission work and must be conducted along foreign mission lines. Here we have a community of about 100,000 Israelites, most of whom speak a foreign language. Many of them have come recently from Russia, where they had been suffering persecution, indescribable in its cruelty. In this large population of foreigners we can expect the work to be carried forward with success only by missionaries familiar with the language and the nature of the people. Therefore, we desire to emphasize the necessity of procuring a young missionary, who will surrender himself to the Lord, to serve in this mission, and who will devote himself without delay to the work by studying the language, habits and lives of the people and ministering unto them as the Lord increases his ability, and who shall eventually take charge of the superintendency of the mission.

We ask for the Jewish Mission during the coming year $3,500.

J. C. McFeeters was appointed to represent the Mission on the floor of Synod.

J. C. McFeeters, *President.*
T. P. Stevenson, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Mission Conference, consisting of the members of the Central Board and twenty representatives from the Presbyteries, met according to appointment of Synod, in the Central Allegheny Reformed Presbyterian Church, May 22d and 23d. Four sessions were held. Forty-six congregations were recommended for help to the amount of $15,027, as follows:

N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.

Barnesville, seven dollars per Sabbath for summer months	$182 00
Cornwallis	400 00
St. John	300 00

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Denver	$450 00
Greeley	200 00
La Junta	200 00
Los Angeles	650 00
Santa Anna	500 00

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Coulterville	$350 00
Selma	400 00
St. Louis	350 00
Staunton, five dollars per Sabbath when they have preaching, not to exceed	150 00

NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

Ryegate Congregation was commended for their use of a legacy of $300 for support of pastor.

Cambridge	$400 00
Coldenham, an amount not to exceed	300 00
Barnet	230 00
West Hebron	400 00
White Lake	150 00

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Lisbon	$400 00
Lochiel, in case of settlement	300 00
Syracuse	500 00

IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Chicago	$400 00
Vernon, in case of settlement	300 00
Vernon, in case of supplies	75 00
Hickory Grove, six dollars for every Sabbath they have preaching up to	150 00
Rehoboth	360 00

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Billings, an amount not to exceed	$280 00
Hebron, in case of settlement	275 00
Hebron, in case of supplies	100 00
Homewood	300 00
Kansas City, in case of settlement	500 00
Kansas City, five dollars per Sabbath for three-fourths time for supplies	195 00
Quinter, in case of settlement	300 00
Quinter, in case of supplies	200 00
Superior	300 00
Tabor	300 00
Topeka, for supplies	400 00
Wahoo, as much as they raise, not to exceed	300 00

OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Belle Center	$300 00
Bellefountaine	450 00
Presbytery's delegate was instructed to visit this congregation and urge increased liberality.	
Cedarville	200 00
Fairgrove	200 00
To be used by the Presbytery in reviving the work in this field.	
Hetherton	400 00
Johnathan's Creek, in case of settlement	300 00
Muskingum, Tomica and Londonderry	100 00
To be at the discretion of Presbytery.	

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

Adamsville and Middletown	$300 00
Bear Run and Mahoning	100 00
McKeesport	500 00
Mercer	200 00
Slippery Rock, in case of settlement, an amount not to exceed	300 00
In case of supplies, five dollars per Sabbath for one-half time	130 00
Youngstown, in case of settlement	500 00
In case of supplies, five dollars per Sabbath for one-half the time they have supplies	130 00

The Mission Conference took the following actions:

1. We recommend that Synod reaffirm its rule that congregations be visited by delegates from the Presbyteries.

2. We reaffirm the rule that congregations endeavor to reduce the amounts requested from year to year.

3. That Synod be requested to appoint a committee to draft new blanks for the use of congregations asking for aid.

4. That while we recognize the duty of every member and congregation of the Covenanter Church to heartily support all the schemes of the Church, yet we would urge that congregations asking aid from Conference, give precedence to the pastor's support, and pay in full if possible.

5. We recommend that Presbyteries be instructed to investigate those congregations which give disproportionate amounts to Church schemes, to the neglect of the pastor's support. This to be done at the fall meetings of the Presbyteries.

6. We reaffirm the rule as to sliding scale and recommend that a special committee, consisting of R. C. Reed, F. M. Wilson and George Edgar, be appointed by Synod to prepare such a scale.

7. We reaffirm the rule requiring congregations expecting aid from the Board of Domestic Missions to take congregational action and present specific requests, over the signatures of the congregational officers, to their respective Presbyteries.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Sproull, *Chairman.*
C. McLeod Smith, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

The Secretary of the Bureau of Information would respectfully report: We have received no names except a few of those whom the Central Board was already providing for in Alberta, Canada.

A. J. McFarland, Jr., *Secretary.*

Committee on Young People's Societies reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

In accordance with the direction of our last Synod that the Foreign Mission Board suggest to our Young People's and Missionary Societies the best text-books and best methods for pursuing the systematic study of foreign missions, the Board, through its Educational Secretary, sent a copy of the following recommendations to every pastor in our Church and to every foreign missionary station:

1. That the text-book for the year be Christus Redemptor.

2. That the pastors lead the classes in mission study or find some other person thoroughly competent.

3. That the pastor preach two or three sermons a year with this text-book as a basis.

4. That those who cannot attend the classes be urged to procure and read the text-book in their homes.

5. Three books were suggested as collateral reading.

Your committee has made an effort to ascertain how largely these recommendations have been carried out. Answers to inquiries sent out by your committee show that twenty-two classes were formed with a total attendance of 320. Nine pastors led, in one the pastor's wife, in others the different members. Total number of meetings held, 154. Five classes secured the eight-volume library, 6 pastors preached sermons in line with the text-books, others will do so soon, fifteen preached on missions in general.

Beneficial results were reported, as "Results more than satisfactory," "Additional interest in the study of missions in general," "Greater liberality in giving to missions," "Deeper interest in our own missions," "Strengthened our faith in the coming of God's kingdom," "More ability to present the subject to missions to others." "Wider sympathy with conditions in foreign fields," "Increased knowledge," "Devotion of one collection a month to foreign missions."

Seventy-five per cent. of the answers indicate that the attachment of the young people to our Church is growing.

Whereas twenty-five per cent. reported it as weakening, the various remedies suggested to strengthen this attachment are:

"A live minister." "Get to work."

"A real spiritual awakening by the Holy Spirit."

"Better pastoral work."

"Take up the study of the principles of the Church with the young people.'

"Engage in systematic study of missions."

The last two suggestions are especially to the point.

In view of the fact that the past year was the first in which systematic mission study has been placed under the direction of the Foreign Board, there is reason for encouragement. Inquiries addressed to the Foreign Board's Educational Secretary show a zeal both for the systematic study of missions and for the adoption of the best methods of study.

A new course of study is planned for every year with the text-book on some one mission field, together with the library of eight or nine volumes at the greatly reduced price of $5.00, together with specially prepared maps and manuals on methods of study. This is only the beginning of better things to come.

The two dominant notes in our Church at the present time are reformation and evangelization. The hope of our Church rests in both. In order to do the work of reformation our youth must be indoctrinated in the distinctive principles of our Church, and how these principles are to be applied to the great problems of social and national life. Indoctrination of the youth, through the study of formulated standards of truth, is the outgrowth of the great reformation inaugurated by Martin Luther, John Calvin, Philip Melancthon and others. We cannot cease from the custom and maintain our separate existence as a Church. The policy, therefore, directing the minds of our young people to the study of these principles by embodying suitable topics as substitutes in the regular C. E. topics of study is commendable. Seven hundred of spcially prepared topic cards of this kind were used the past year. Some pastors led classes in study of our testimony.

In order to do our share in the work of evangelization of the world, a larger intelligence concerning this work is necessary. Systematic mission study, therefore, should be encouraged, a wider knowledge is necessary, not only of our own particular fields but of all foreign mission fields embodied in the kingdom of God spreading abroad over the earth.

We should know the needs, the opportunities, the difficulties and the successes attending foreign mission work. Our interests should be as wide as the kingdom of God.

Systematic mission study is necessary in order to have definite and prevailing prayer for the mission cause. How can we pray aright without proper knowledge? Systematic mission study is necessary in order for large and more systematic giving to the cause of missions.

Asa Otis's legacy of over one million dollars to one mission is directly traceable to his reading of the *Missionary Herald*, and that of R. Arthington of two and one-half million dollars to two societies was due to the study of the needs of foreign missions as formulated in a table of statistics in the little book, "British Foreign Missions."

The words of Daniel Webster, on returning from a western trip, in which he summed up the peril of America, might well be applied to the Church in general. He used four words, "Abundance," "Luxury," "Decline," "Desolation." A better acquaintance with the needs of the foreign work will lead to larger giving and safety from such a peril.

Systematic mission study is necessary in order to raise up and train future missionaries.

Bishop Taylor Smith once summarized the needs of the Church in this way: "To know, to grow, to glow, to go." We do not begin to develop missionary consecration among young people early enough. Waiting until they have passed the most impressionable years of their lives and till other influences and ideals dominate them, we lose a great advantage. The claims of this noblest and most Christlike of all callings should be presented in the days of youth.

"To know" must precede "to go." Our Church has been crying loud and long for foreign mission helpers. Let us begin training future workers in our mission study classes.

We recommend:

1. That the terms of our ecclesiastical communion be taken up in order, in place of the regular topics of study on the second Sabbaths of September, October, November, January, February and March. That each term of communion be printed in full along with the comments which appear in our Church papers.

2. That we commend the work of the Foreign Board in outlining a systematic mission study course, and that we request the Board to outline a course of study for the coming year.

3. That in view of the semi-centennial of our foreign mission work we adopt the following substitutes for the regular C. E. topics on foreign missions:

June 30th. Our Fiftieth Anniversary—a Glance Backward. Dr. T. P. Stevenson to write the comments for our Church papers.

August 25th. Our Mission in Syria. Comments by Rev. James S. Stewart.

October 27th. Our Work in Asia Minor. Comments by Rev. R. J. Dodds.

December 29th. Our Work in China. Comments by Rev. A. I. Robb.

February 23d. Cyprus. Comments by Rev. Walter McCarroll.

April 26th. Suadia. Comments by Rev. J. Boggs Dodds.

4. That pastors take an active part in the organization and direction of classes in systematic mission study. That they be encouraged to preach more missionary sermons, both on the general subject of missions and on particular mission fields—our own and others.

5. That our Young People's Societies be urged to take up the systematic study of missions in the order recommended by our Foreign Board.

6. That 1,500 copies of the revised topic cards, dating from June 1st to June 1st, be published by our Treasurer, Mr. J. S. Tibby, on same conditions as last year.

I. A. Blackwood,
E. G. Elsey,
W. J. McBurney,
John Mitchell,
J. E. Hugheey.

Committee on Sabbath-Schools reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

There are many important phases of Sabbath-school work. Among these we note *The Teacher and His Work* as of special significance. The success or the failure of Sabbath-school work depends chiefly upon the teacher. The history of the work and the testimony of experienced workers are in support of this statement. Hence in our report we direct attention to this particular matter.

Special care should be given to the choice of teachers. There are many admirable Christian people who are not qualified to fill the position. It is unwise in most instances to leave the choice of a teacher to a class. The wishes of a class may be learned, but the decision should rest with the session of the congregation or the officers of the school. That brings up for consideration the teacher's equipment. The first item in this is a working knowledge of the Bible. It is one thing to have a vague or general knowledge of the Bible, and quite another thing to be so acquainted with the Book that its teachings can be well imparted to others. This requires the

teacher to have a grasp or comprehension of the scope of the Word, of the parts in their bearing one upon another, and a mastery of the particular portions studied. Another item in the teacher's equipment is knowledge of the pupils, not only of the general needs of the class, but a particular knowledge of the life and tendencies of each individual member. That means interest in and contact with them. It is at the expense of time and effort, but when one realizes that it has a special place in the moulding of a life for time and for eternity, they should be given willingly. Without a knowledge of the pupil, even a teacher who is well versed in Scripture truth is unable to make an accurate application of it to the life.

Here we find another item of importance in the equipment of teachers, and that is knowledge of the art of teaching. It is one thing to have the proper tools to work with and the necessary material to work upon, but quite another thing to be able to do first-class work with these. Here, in the judgment of many, is the great defect in teachers and their work. They may have other furnishing, but are unable to use it effectively without this. We ought to take lessons here from our public schools, where they are most successfully conducted. Their teachers are required to pass examination upon text-books of theory and practice, and are specially drilled in teachers' training classes and model school-rooms. The advantage of it is clearly seen in the character of the work done by teachers thus trained. Our schools, for the most part, are far behind in this matter of training teachers. In some places this is realized and the need is met by normal classes or teachers' training classes. Where does the responsibility lie in this matter? It rests upon pastors and sessions or such boards as have control of the work. There are good text-books and systems of study in the art of teaching in the Sabbath-school. Every school should have its teachers' training class, under the leadership of the pastor or some competent person. This is manifestly important, because our Sabbath-schools are filled with pupils who come from the public schools, where they are under well-equipped teachers: because of the brief time a Sabbath-school teacher has in class for the teaching of the lesson, and the lack of authority over pupils to enforce study or attention. Horace Mann once said: "The only way to have better teachers is to make them." His statement applies to Sabbath-schools as well as to others.

The Sabbath-school of our day has a great work to do. It is great on account of the multitudes of children and youth who come to its classes for instruction; because youth is the favorable time for making lasting impressions upon the life. It gives the qualified teacher a precious opportunity for the guidance and building of character; of Christian character, so essential to the welfare of society.

A great responsibility rests with the teachers in our Sabbath-schools, and they should see to it that their lives are such that they may be worthy examples to the members of their classes and to others. The power of a pure and noble life is immeasurable. An inconsistent life will nullify all instruction and disgust the pupils. Children are apt observers and imitators of conduct. The work of the teacher should be performed faithfully, in view of the responsibility for souls, which may not be shifted to another. The responsibility is great, so is the reward. "They that are teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Daniel 12: 3; Margin of Am. Revision).

We present but one recommendation: That special effort be made to provide thoroughly qualified teachers in our Sabbath-schools.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. Samson
W. J. Sanderson,
G. R. Steele,
John W. Pritchard.

Synod was invited to hold its next meeting in the Third Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa. The invitation was accepted.

W. S. Fulton and J. B. Gilmore were granted leave of absence.

Synod adjourned with prayer by T. C. Sproull.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Tuesday, May 28th, 9 A. M., Synod met and was constituted with prayer by D. H. Coulter.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion $300 were appropriated from the Sustentation Fund in aid of W. W. Wilson.

Committee on Secret Societies reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Curiosity has, from the beginning, been a ruling motive in the minds of men. False priests and false patriots, by assuming an air of mystery and calling upon men to conceal something, have brought much evil to pass. Another prominent trait of mortal minds is fear; by putting on a show of authority and ordering men about, the strong character often gains the allegiance of the weak. Still another master passion of ours is selfishness; by holding out advantages and honors leading spirits have often secured followers. These things being so, it is not hard to see why secret society reform is the most unpopular and difficult of all the reforms that we have undertaken.

As a Church our chief objection to oath-bound secret orders bears upon their religious claims; and we would still maintain our stand, had we nothing to complain of but the oath. In the case of many of the orders, however, we have a great deal more, for their members often speak of them as religions good enough for any man.

We might notice a few points at which the lodge system comes into conflict with the Church: The Church stands for the brotherhood of men. Its Founder knew no difference between the lost sheep of the house of Israel and the spiritually destitute among the hills of Samaria. Its members ought to be equally helpful and even-handed in their dealings with men, making no difference on account of race distinctions or social standing. The lodge offers its first and best to its own, and fosters the caste-spirit everywhere. We need not look for peace on earth until supreme in the hearts of humanity sits the spirit of good will to men.

The Church teaches the doctrine of individual responsibility. It would write as with a diamond point on the conscience of every man the truth that each one of us must give account of himself to God. Men have often turned a deaf ear to this admonition. In Plato's Republic the state was everything, the citizen an atom, almost too small for consideration. The lodge spirit encourages the same idea of individuality losing itself in the aggregation. We see this principle actuating the disorderly boys, who together commit depredations such as none of them would dare to commit if he were alone. We see it swaying the mob, for the thought prevails that if there are enough implicated in the crime all will escape punishment. Things have

been done by the order pledged to mutual support that we cannot but believe this member or that would have been too manly to do in his own name.

The Church holds forth Christ as the ideal man. Before the Saviour came into the world men had the law, but this had not been sufficient. There was a call for something more definite, more easily understood, more practical. This was given when the Son of God became man and dwelt among us. In Him we have an example, an inspiration, a hope of attainment. It is always easier to walk in another's footprints than to follow instructions, no matter how full they may be. Secretism ignores the life of Christ. We might allow its claim to exalt the good and the beautiful, to teach morality and the adoration of the Supreme Being, and still find fault; for, at its own estimation, the lodge-room is no better than some of the heathen temples. We declare that the pursuit of mere qualities, however excellent, has never brought man to his best estate, and never will. He needs to have before him an object possessing these excellencies, a being to love, and worship, and serve. This the lodge denies us, but this the Church lifts up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness.

The Church maintains that service is the way to honor. The Master both lived a lowly life and taught humility. Words were never truer than these: "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." Secretism, with its degrees, its decorations, its public displays, appeals to one of the most unworthy sentiments of the human heart; and it is a deceiver, for it confers but the thinnest shadow of honor. Gold lace, nodding plume, and silver-plated sword make no man great. He who outranks others in the lodge, and bears a higher-sounding title, may think himself to be somebody; but let him take a book of history and read, and he will not have gone over a dozen pages till he will have learned that the men whose names have outlived the age that gave them birth are the men who served their generation by the will of God. Let him consider the living, and he will see that the man whom the people delight to honor is the man of earnestness and of action, who thinks not of fame but of duty.

The Church offers salvation upon condition of faith in Jesus Christ, and the renewing of the Holy Spirit. If upon the lintel we inscribe "Eternal Life," on one of the door-posts we must write, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," and on the other, "Ye Must be Born Again." Do the orders against which we protest offer men salvation? Some of them certainly seem to. Members are at death represented as entering a better world, called by one "the grand lodge above," and by another "the parade-ground of heaven." We describe as false the Church that conditions eternal life upon good works; but the secret orders offer it for less—good standing in the lodge. May we not hope that few, even of secret order men, are deceived by a doctrine so pernicious! Lodge religion is a lie. We turn from it to the Gospel with its revelation of atonement by Jesus Christ, a forgiving God, a loving Redeemer, a life-giving, enlightening, enabling Spirit. Here is a salvation that can be offered to the world, a free salvation, a salvation that saves. There is no other.

We recommend:

That we renew our covenant to stand by our colors at this as well as other points of attack; that we send a word of cheer to those churches that are in line with us in this conflict, and pray the Spirit of the Lord to lift up a standard against this enemy which has come in like a flood.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel G. Shaw,
David H. Coulter,
John W. Dill,
Matthew Williamson,
Matthew Chestnut.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Your committee would respectfully report that a letter from the Irish Synod was placed in our hands, to which we have written a reply.

J. M. Foster,
R. A. Paden,
J. E. Wilson.

The reply was read and ordered to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk and forwarded; also that it be published in our church papers.

LETTER FROM IRISH SYNOD.

Bready, Strabane, May 14th, 1907.

Dear Brethren:—Once again, in the good providence of God, the time of your annual meeting of Synod has arrived, and we therefore renew our fraternal greetings and pray that in all your deliberations you may be guided by that wisdom which is from above, and that you may enjoy, in a very special manner, the presence and blessing of Zion's exalted King. "We, in the name of God the Lord, do wish you to be blest." We feel that we are bound to you by the closest possible ties.

Many of the members of our different congregations with whom we often took sweet counsel, and went to the house of God in company, are now in fellowship with you, and while we deplore the depletion of our numbers, owing to their removal, we rejoice that in many instances they are now actively engaged in Christian service in the different congregations in connection with your Synod in which their lot has been cast, and that they are united with you in the maintenance of the same cause and testimony. We feel, therefore, that while we are separated from you by a considerable distance, the bond of union between us is of the closest possible nature, and it is therefore in no formal spirit, but with feelings of the deepest sincerity, that we again send forward our annual letter, wishing you all joy and comfort in the Lord.

We regret to learn that you have lost by death two faithful and devoted workers—the Rev. J. C. Taylor and Miss Jennie B. Torrence—the former in the home field, and the latter dying at her post in China, and our prayer is that God, who holds the hearts of all in His hands, may raise up others to take their places, and that many may be found responding to the Master's call for workers in His vineyard, saying: "Here am I, send me." We are reminded in this connection that the Rev. R. A. Blair, of Utica, who was formerly connected with one of our own congregations—the congregation of Ballylaggan—has been appointed by your Mission Board as missionary to China, and we have no doubt that he will be followed by the prayers and good wishes of all who knew him on this side of the Atlantic.

It is with feelings of deep sorrow that we have to report the death of the Rev. R. A. McFarlane, M.A., B.D., of Stranorlar, since our last meeting of Synod. He was called to his rest and reward on the 13th of December, 1906, after a week's intense suffering. As the late Mr. McFarlane had visited America, and will doubtless be favorably remembered by some of the brethren there, it is not necessary to enter into a lengthened account of his life and character; suffice it to say that he was a man of deep and unobtrusive piety and of the most extensive erudition. He was a most distinguished classical scholar, but his presentation of Gospel truth was of the simplest possible nature, and he made all his talents subservient to the one grand end—that of preaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

By his sudden removal from the ranks of the ministry, at a comparatively early age, we who remain are reminded of the solemn fact that we know not the moment when the Master may say to us, "Give an account of thy stewardship, for thou mayest be no longer steward," and that it behooves us to prosecute the great duties entrusted to us with all the earnestness and fidelity of which we are capable.

It is to us a matter for supreme thankfulness that the past year has been remarkable for the number of ordinations that have taken place over the vacant congregations of our Church. In the latter part of the past year the Rev. J. T. Potts, B.A., was released from the charge of the congregation of Rathfuland and was installed over the congregation of Nicholson Street, Glasgow, as successor to the late Rev. Dr. Kerr. Over the congregation left vacant by his removal a pastor has been ordained. Almost all the other vacant congregations (some of which had been vacant for years) have been supplied with pastors, and one of our most promising licentiates, the Rev. T. B. McFarlane, B.A. (nephew of the late Rev. R. A. McFarlane, B.D.), has been ordained over the Second congregation in Glasgow. We regret, however, that during the past session, no students have been in attendance at our Theological Hall, and we therefore feel it to be both our duty and privilege to pray the Lord of the Harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest.

In your last letter you expressed a desire to know more about the work we are doing in connection with the Irish Foreign Mission, and in reply we may state that while we are trying to do something in both these departments, we feel at the same time that our efforts fall very far short of what they should be, and that "there remaineth yet much land to be possessed."

In connection with the Irish Mission we have two colporteurs engaged —the one in Dublin, and the other in Newry—both of whom are earnest and devoted men, and who by tract distribution, holding meetings, and by engaging in religious conversation with Roman Catholics, with whom they are constantly coming in contact, seek to bring them under the power of the truth, which alone makes free. And we are pleased to be able to state that in many instances their efforts have been most successful and that the experience of our colporteurs is that the Gospel is still "the power of God unto salvation"—that it is mighty to the pulling down of strongholds of ignorance, and error, and superstition. We are, however, very far from being satisfied with the amount of work which we have attempted in this department. We feel that we ought to be a great deal more aggressive and that as we contemplate the awful spiritual condition of our Roman Catholic countrymen, held fast as they are by the chains of ignorance and error, the dupes of a debasing and enslaving system, we ought to be actuated by such feelings as those which burned in the bosom of the great apostle of the Gentiles when he said: "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." With the work we are doing both in Antioch and in Alexandretta you will, we have no doubt, be more familiar.

Dr. Martin has been very busily engaged, not only in attending to his ordinary duties, but in superintending the erection of a more suitable mission building, which we hope will soon be completed, so that he may be enabled to prosecute his work with greater efficiency and success. Reports of the most favorable nature are also received from Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, of Alexandretta, from time to time. The work in which they, too, are engaged is of the most arduous and trying nature, but they both bear testimony to the invaluable aid rendered them by Miss Metheny, and we hope and pray that by the Divine blessing all their efforts may be crowned with success.

During the past year we have commemorated the 200th anniversary of the accession to the ministry of the Covenanting Church of the Rev. John McMillin.

The Rev. William Dick, M.A., lectured by appointment of Synod on this subject throughout the bounds of the Church. The lectures were well attended, and were most interesting and instructive; and it is hoped that they may have the effect of drawing the attention of those outside the fellowship of our Church to our grand distinguishing principles, as well as leading our own people to prize more highly and to contend more earnestly for the great principles of the Second Reformation—principles which we believe shall one day meet with universal acceptance.

In conclusion, we would say to you in the words of Paul to the Ephesians, "Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth."

Signed, on behalf of Synod,

JOSEPH McEWEN,

Convener of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Committee on Sabbath again reported. Report amended and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH.

THE SABBATH.

The Creator made this world with a Sabbath, coeval with man. On man's first earthly day he rested with God and worshipped. Man was created with Sabbath needs. The Sabbath is fundamental, being Edenic, Sinaitic, and Christian.

If sinless man in Paradise needed the Sabbath, much more our fallen race. Being divinely instituted, its observance was made obligatory upon all peoples for all times. The change of time for its observance from the seventh to the first day of the week removed no Sabbath obligations. Its coming every seven days is a memorial of creation. Its observance on the first day of the week is a reminder of Redemption.

When the Sabbath's Lord said: "The Sabbath was made for man," He pointed backward to its original institution, and forward to its unchanging obligations. The name, "Sabbath," given by God, indicates both its character and manner of observance, and, therefore, is to be used by Christians. The Sabbath is the emerald of days—a type of the "Rest prepared," or "Keeping of a Sabbath, to the people of God," in heaven.

But sinful men soon perverted this Divine institution, and at times have made it a world almost without a Sabbath.

Great calamities, sent by God, may have been, in some measure, inflictions of Divine punishment for robbing God of His sacred time—in visitations such as the Deluge, Sodom, the Amorites, Israel's Dispersion, Judah's Captivity, and the Dark Ages.

Wilful trangression of sacred time and law is a certain precursor of Divine retributions. The Lord's red-hot judgments, at times, stagger nations. Surely God has lately been voicing His protest to men against the obliteration of His holy day, by His signal judgments upon the world.

How marked is God's hand in the destruction of San Francisco, a Sabbathless city, in a State without any Sabbath law. What terrible calamities have recently fallen upon this Sabbath-desecrating land and world! Note how many of those God-sent disasters have been falling lately upon great Sabbath-profaning organizations, such as railroads, steamboats, trolley lines, iron mills and manufactories. Our world is suffering now from devastating

fires, floods, famines, pestilence, and other judgments. Has not God a controversy now with the nations for Sabbath desecration? Nothing so surely entails upon a nation the malediction of Heaven as contempt shown for God's authority and holy day. Many are the discouraging signs now as shown in a wide spread and growing disregard for the Sabbath and its proper observance. This has manifestation to-day even in Christian churches. Divine worship is now being secularized by the displacing of the preached Word on the Lord's Day, by Children's Day entertainments, by services with stereopticon scenes and moving pictures, song services and semi-religious lectures.

Also by hiring of singers and musicians, even with no religion, to do the praising of God in worship on His holy day. Hasn't entertainment now largely taken the place of devotion and of spiritual worship? Indifference is shown in irregular attendance upon the sanctuary, or in attending one service only. In buying or reading papers issued on the Sabbath; in visiting, feasting, going to races, ball grounds, amusement parks, watering places, or on excursions, and by unnecessary work and travel on God's Day.

By setting of funerals needlessly on the Sabbath, often to the interference with church services. By increasing observance on the Sabbath by Protestant churches of Romish days; by attendance at public libraries, museums, art galleries, instead of God's House; by sessions of Congress and Legislatures held on the Sabbath; by efforts to have Sabbath laws repealed and to get loose laws licensing evils. Hordes of godless foreigners are invading our land, who disregard Sabbath laws, and by turning liberty into license would make our Sabbath like the desecrated Sabbaths on the Continent.

Seventh Day Adventists, Jews, infidel societies, Anarchists, saloon keepers, liquor and liberal leagues, and a subsidized press, are combined for the Sabbath's overthrow.

Sabbath-desecrating newspapers are in the very ranks of the enemies of the Sabbath. Railroad traffic, opening of post offices, theatres, and work in great mills, is increasing on the Lord's Day. Probably two million men in our land to-day are being held under the bondage of seven-day toil under the lash of godless greed. The Lord's Day is now imperiled. It must be released from the grasp of avarice, commerce, competition and pleasure, and be consecrated anew to rest and devotion.

Sabbath desecration is now done under the false plea of necessity. The Sabbath's sanctity is its own safeguard. Destroy it as a day for worship and it ceases to be a day for rest. "A land without a Sabbath," then what? A Sabbath obliterated, then morals destroyed. Toiling masses enslaved and left without hope in God. The foundations of civilization, order, liberty, society, church and State shattered.

No Sabbath, no worship; no worship, no morals; no morals, then anarchy! pandemonium!! A dark picture. But God be praised, there is another, a brighter side. Modern tendencies now, are not all away from the Sabbath of Holy Writ.

There are many things to-day to encourage all lovers of the Holy Sabbath. During the year past greater advancement was made in world Sabbath observing than in many previous years.

Here in Allegheny county large mills like the McClintock-Marshall Construction Co., Firth Sterling Steel Co., and the McKeesport Tin Plate Co., excepting repair work, have stopped all labor on God's Day. Many States are improving their Sabbath laws, while judicial decisions are, in general, favorable.

The Colorado Supreme Court by decision closed Denver's barber shops on the Sabbath. Excursion trains are abolished and traffic on the Sabbath largely reduced by three great railway systems, viz: Burlington, Chicago and Northwestern, and Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul. A profitable street car line near Winona Park, Indiana, runs no cars on the Sabbath. Both the gates and the grounds of Jamestown Exposition are closed by Congress on the Lord's

Day. Georgia, by Supreme Court decision, prohibits all running of freight trains on the Sabbath.

Idaho has just enacted a Sabbath law. In New Jersey and Kentucky saloons are now closed by law on the Sabbath. In Missouri, Governor Folk closed on the Sabbath the saloons of St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joe, and other cities, resulting in a reduction of crime one-third.

Governor Hoch, of Kansas, and Governor Hanly, of Indiana, have both been acting similarly and with good results. The mayors of twelve large cities have been lately closing saloons on the Lord's Day. The "International Federation of Sabbath Rest Associations of America" now enrolls five Canadian organizations and most of our State associations.

The Dominion of Canada has lately enacted the strictest and most sweeping Sabbath law of any modern nation. It barred out twenty thousand Sabbath-desecrating newspapers from the States; it stops all excursions and all unnecessary handling of freight and labor on the Lord's Day, under heavy penalties. It releases about one hundred thousand men from seven day toil. Australia, by law, closes all places of work from Saturday noon until Monday morning. Argentina has recently enacted a Sabbath law. France has now a seventh-day rest law, strictly enforced, based on purely humanitarian grounds. Nine European nations have made advancement, by enacting laws favorable to cessation of toil on the Sabbath. In China has occurred a miracle of this twentieth century. The Emperor issued an edict requiring the observance of the Sabbath on the first day of the week as a rest day throughout that vast Empire, basing it, not upon religious principles, but on social economics. However, it stamps government approval upon Christianity as the religion of the leading nations, and gives Gospel missionaries a vantage ground they never had before.

We should "thank God and take courage," as we now behold such a grand awakening towards Lord's Day observance all over the world. How glad we should be to see the European nations and unchristianized peoples setting apart the Lord's Day for rest, as God's precious gift to mankind!

A land with an observed Sabbath, how blessed! how grand! The jubilee of men! A Sabbath-keeping world is coming, speedily; then there will be the Millennial-Golden-Age.

The Synod, having heard with great pleasure and profit the Rev. Frederick J. Stanley, D.D., of New York, General Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, on Thursday, May 23d, endorses the very important work of this Association, and recommends the coöperation of our people.

B. M. Sharp,
Thomas Patton,
M. M. Pearce.

Committee on National Reform reported. Report received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REFORM.

The Committee on National Reform would respectfully report:

There is still need for the great work of National Reform. The Government of the United States is still defiant in its opposition to Jesus Christ, the King of nations.

"We will not have this man to reign over us" is the voice of this Government to the people of the United States and to a listening world.

This voice sounds out from our national Constitution, that contains no acknowledgment of Jesus Christ or his law, and exalts the will of the people as the supreme source of power.

The Government of the United States sends out 15,000 mail trains every Sabbath day, and employs 150,000 people every Sabbath in the service of the mails.

Two hundred thousand saloons are licensed by the United States to spread woe and sorrow and bring to drunkards' graves 100,000 every year.

In the twenty-five causes of divorce, God's law regulating the marriage relation is dishonored. The Word of God is taken out of the schools in many places, and every vestige of religion is taken from the early training of the youth.

The history of our Government is largely one of oppression and wrong done to the Negroes, the Indians, and other races. Against all this corruption The National Reform Association has been nobly contending for many years. She has a great work given to her and a great deal still remains to be done.

The reformation of the nation is an honoring service done to God. It links the reformers with a noble line of heroes of the past. Moses, Samuel, Daniel, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, as well as the Apostles of our Lord, are among those who have engaged in national reform in the past.

The prayer of John Knox, "God give me Scotland or I die," is a prayer for the reformation of the nation.

The educating power of law makes the influence of a Christian government "mighty" upon the world for good. If this nation should cast her crown before the feet of Jesus Christ and honor his law, making it the fountain head of all legislation, she would do more in one day to bring her people to Christ than all the evangelists of earth could do in weeks.

We have reason to feel encouraged at what has been done. While it is true that the Constitution of the United States has not yet been amended to make the proper recognition of Almighty God as the source of all authority in civil government, and of the Lord Jesus Christ as the King of nations, and the Word of God as the supreme standard of law and morality, yet during the past forty years a very great change for the better has taken place. The agitation of great moral questions has had a good effect upon the people at large. Public immorality has been driven before an awakened public conscience to seek hiding.

Prejudices that were very strong at one time against the aims of the movement are awakening.

Many of the State constitutions, while the name of Christ does not appear, do make a recognition of the name of God through efforts directed upon the conventions drafting them. It is being more generally recognized that public morals must have a constitutional basis or they cannot long exist against the claims of adversaries.

The report of the Executive Committee indicates that the past year has been one of progress.

The prayers and sympathy of the Church will go out for Rev. T. H. Acheson that he may be speedily recovered.

We recommend the following:

1. That the ministers and people endeavor to encourage the representatives in Congress to pass the anti-polygamy amendment that is likely to come up at the coming session of Congress.

2. That we recommend this cause to the prayers and financial support of the people.

3. That in view of the enlarging opportunities and urgent needs of this work we urge all our congregations to contribute the full amount of Synod's appropriation.

R. J. Gault,
D. C. Mathews.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

The Executive Committee of the National Reform Association has held its regular quarterly meetings during the past year, the sub-committee has met every month and reported to this committee, and the secretaries have reported their work regularly and fully. The items of chief interest are here presented.

I. Our Secretaries.

Dr. H. H. George, the Field Secretary, has been able to give only a small part of his time to the work. He visited Washington in the interest of the Anti-Polygamy Amendment.

The General Secretary, Dr. T. P. Stevenson, has edited the *Christian Statesman* and other literature, spent one week at Winona Lake, Indiana, during the Institute and Conference held there last August, delivering addresses daily, has conducted an extensive correspondence, and has attended most of the conventions and many public meetings held in the interest of the cause.

Secretary T. H. Acheson, having been restored from the effects of the railroad disaster which laid him aside for a year, resumed work May 1st, 1906, and continued for ten months. During this period, in addition to his work in addressing public meetings, he aided in editing the *Christian Statesman,* wrote articles for other publications and carried on an extensive correspondence and collected about $1,800. Not having fully regained his health, he was unable to continue such strenuous labors, and on the advice of his physician has retired from active service till the first of September.

Secretary J. M. Wylie was appointed to labor in the territory west of the Mississippi river, and accepted the appointment temporarily. He did most valuable work in connection with the convention which met to frame a constitution of the new State of Oklahoma. He obtained the coöperation of leading ministers and churches, enlisted the support of members of the convention, secured the introduction of a form of preamble containing an express ackowledgment of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Ruler of nations, gained an effective hearing before the committee to which the preamble was referred, the report of the committee leading to an earnest discussion on the floor of the convention. The form of preamble advocated by our secretary was not adopted, yet successful resistance was offered to those who wished to exclude all mention of God from the constitution, and to those who favored such an indefinite acknowledgment as "the Supreme Ruler of the Universe."

The work of Secretary J. R. Dill has been confined to Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. His work has gained in strength and effectiveness by its concentration within a definite field. He has succeeded in securing the co-operation of most of the ministers in the places visited, has collected more than $1,000 and has secured numerous subscribers to the *Christian Statesman.*

The local secretaries who have been active during the past year are J. M. Foster, of Boston, Mass.; J. S. Martin, of New Castle, Pa., and E. S. Littell, of Zelienople, Pa., all of whom have rendered valuable service.

II. Meetings and Conventions.

The exact number of public meetings held and addresses and sermons delivered in behalf of this cause cannot be given, but an approximate estimate is four hundred. Conventions and conferences were held in Lancaster, Frankford, West Chester, Harrisburg, York, Butler, New Castle and Beaver Falls, Pa., Boston, Mass., and Winona Lake, Indiana.

The annual meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls, Pa., December 4th and 5th, in connection with the two days' conference arranged by the friends in that locality. All the addresses of this conference were of a high order and the reports of the officers and committees of the Association showed that efficient work had been done and that the amount of such work is limited only by the means at hand for its support. The first evening of this conference was occupied with a public debate on the question: Resolved, that the Constitution of the United States should be so amended as to embody the Christian Principles of Civil Government. The Rev. Dr. A. H. Lewis, of Plainfield, New Jersey, editor of the *Sabbath Recorder*, the organ of the Seventh Day Baptists, who supported the negative side of the question, declared at the outset his acceptance of all the Christian principles of civil government as held by this Association. Doubtless his attitude is that of many others, and shows the need of instruction as to the place of a written constitution and what it should contain.

III. Our Literature

In addition to the regular monthly publication of the *Christian Statesman* a number of new documents have been issued. The titles of these are "To an Unknown God," "The Christian Amendment and the Liquor Traffic," "A Plea for Religion in the Nation," and five numbers of the series entitled, "Studies in Christian Citizenship." This series will consist of about thirty numbers and is designed to cover the fundamental principles which underlie the National Reform movement, the practical questions in which these principles are involved, the methods of work for the right settlement of these questions. After the document entitled, "A Plea for Religion in the Nation" has received approval and the signatures of a number of influential people, a large edition will be printed for wide circulation. During the year the Association has issued 1,944,000 pages. It is the earnest desire and confident expectation of the committee that the friends of the cause of Christian civil government will come forward with liberal contributions to aid in the publication of these documents and will coöperate in the effort for their wide distribution.

IV. Finances.

The report of the financial agent shows an increase of receipts from all sources over those of last year of more than a thousand dollars. By the multiplying of our labors, thus securing the wide dissemination of the truth, it is to be expected that new friends will constantly be enrolled and the liberality of former friends increased. Special mention should be made of the fact that some of our life-long friends and supporters, when the time came to make a final disposition of their property, generously remembered this cause by making liberal bequests. It is suggested that Synod express approval of this example and recommend it as worthy of imitation.

V. Work for the Coming Year.

The agitation throughout the country concerning the use of the Bible in the public schools, the maintenance of the Sabbath, the reformation of laws relating to the family, the liquor traffic and other moral issues in the civil sphere, keeps before us constantly the vastness of the field in which we labor, the call for constant and strenuous effort, the necessity of keeping the Christian principles of civil government to the front as the only proper basis on which these issues can be settled, and the need of divine guidance in all that is undertaken. Great assistance could be rendered this committee if one or more persons in each State would keep us advised as to new legislation relating to moral questions, the decisions of courts in important cases, or other events touching the application of the principles involved in this movement.

During the coming year plans for the proposed World's Conference must be perfected. The favor with which the proposition has been received justifies the committee in proceeding with arrangements to hold the conference in Philadelphia in October, 1909. The efficiency with which the work of preparation can be done will depend largely on the moral and financial help given by the friends of the cause. The plan is worthy of the most liberal support.

When Congress assembles next December an opportunity will be afforded for pressing an Anti-Polygamy amendment to the National Constitution based on the law of Christ. Every minister and member in the Church should seize the opportunity thus afforded for laboring in behalf of Christian civil government.

We ask that the same amount as last year be appropriated to this cause and that the people throughout the Church be urged to raise the full amount of the appropriation.

Dr. T. P. Stevenson has been appointed to speak for this cause before the Synod.

R. C. Wylie,
T. P. Stevenson,
H. H. George,
J. S. Martin,
R. M. Downie,
J. S. Thompson,
R. H. Martin,
D. McAllister,
D. C. Martin,
John A. Dodds,
J. S. Tibby,
W. A. C. Brown.

Committee on Temperance reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance would respectfully report that, early in the year, circulars were sent out asking each session to appoint some one as a correspondent to represent the congregation in temperance work; in some cases it was necessary to repeat this notice but we have secured correspondence in a large majority of the congregations.

It is our desire to keep in touch with all the temperance work being done in the Church and also to lend a hand where there is an opportunity for work.

We have also sent out to those correspondents, for distribution in the congregations, stickers containing temperance sentiments.

Twelve styles have been printed, as follows:—

When you issue a liquor license you dicker with the powers of hell.

No Legislature can bargain away the public health or public morals.

The saloon cannot be licensed without sin.

Money paid for revenue taxes is the bulwark of the liquor traffic.

The saloon cannot run without boys. Have you one to spare?

Do you respect the religion of those who favor the saloon?

The saloon backer is a traitor to his country.

Intemperance drives out purity, prosperity, patriotism

The same flag cannot protect both the home and the saloon.

Licensing the saloon puts the morals of the people on the bargain counter.

Saloons create drinking habits oftener than drinking habits demand saloons.

The liquor traffic is the pirate of commercial life.

We have printed 149,000 of these, and a large part have been sent out.

This work also puts it within the power of every member of the Church to identify with this movement and bear a part in the battle. We also sent cards to all ministers, asking for outline of a sermon. A large number responded, and were printed in Church papers.

Reports were asked for from congregations showing temperance work being done in the various localities.

In the vicinity of a number of our congregations vigorous campaigns have been waged in which our people took part.

Expenses of printing and postage	$164.40
Receipts	57.00
Balance due	$107.40

These sentiments have also been printed on posters for use in Oklahoma, and the brethren there are giving some time in posting them in public places.

The adoption of the new constitution in that Territory makes this work both timely and necessary.

We believe that the work of disseminating temperance facts should be pushed by our Church and that we could by organizing a press bureau furnish our Church papers each week with items of interest and also put into a great number of local papers in our bounds items that they would insert in their columns, and in this way offset the columns of advertising that are now inserted by the contracts of the liquor interests.

We could also in this way keep the Church apprised of the progress of the conflict in the bounds of our congregations.

We look forward to the time when we as a Church will be able to put a man in the field to agitate this matter of temperance in our Church.

A communication was received in January from the Permanent Committee on Temperance of the Presbyterian and United Presbyterian Churches, calling a meeting of the Church Committee on Temperance on January 30th and 31st, 1907, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The answer was returned that the distance to be traveled prevented our attendance. A further communication from the Committee proposed that we appoint some one to represent us at this meeting. This communication reached us on February 1st.

Later a copy of their action was forwarded to us and is as follows:

BASIS OF AGREEMENT.

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL INTER-CHURCH TEMPERANCE CONFERENCE HELD AT PITTSBURGH, PENNA., JANUARY 30TH AND 31ST, 1907.

This Conference met at the joint call of the Committees on Temperance of the United Presbyterian Church of North America and the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. The inception of this movement was the action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, twenty-six years ago when, in constituting its Permanent Committee on Temperance, it enjoined among other duties that of "initiating measures for promoting similar action by other branches of the Evangelical Church." To various subsequent Assemblies report was made of the progress of such correspondents, until, in 1903, when

the following specific command was given: "Resolved, That we direct the Permanent Committee on Temperance to open correspondence with the officers or judicatories of sister Churches, asking that Temperance Committees be by them appointed with a view to mutual conference and combined effort against our common foe, the liquor traffic." The Permanent Committee's reports of 1904 and 1905 each tells of additional Churches establishing Permanent Committees on Temperance; whereupon the General Assembly of 1906 approved the following plan of federation in Temperance work: "That the proper official of one denomination shall issue an invitation to other denominations to appoint delegates to a National Inter-Church Conference to consider the feasibility of a Church Temperance Federation. When these delegates have formulated and agreed upon a basis of federation and this basis shall have been ratified by the participating Churches it shall then become operative." Pursuant to this action the Conference herein referred to was called.

Including corresponding members, almost one hundred persons, from widely separated portions of the United States, participated in this Conference, sixteen denominations being represented.

Long experience and a large correspondence had convinced us that the Church, in her organized capacity and in her own name and authority, ought to combat the evil of intemperance and the liquor traffic. How to do this was the problem. The official Temperance Committee seems to be the answer of the Church to this question.

But there was much uncertainty and some diversity of opinion concerning the character and scope of work proper for such Committees to undertake. If they were to be active, there must be something definite before them to do. They would not duplicate the work of other organizations, therefore their own sphere must be defined. As workers in other lines find mutual conference through a common organization helpful, so the twelve Church Temperance Committees already established need a central agency through which they may confer and act when desirable.

Therefore, in the interest of harmony and efficiency, and to avoid confused and embarrassing relations, a basis of agreement setting forth the object, character, extent and limitations of Church temperance work was desirable and necessary.

After mature and prayerful deliberation the Conference agreed upon the following basis to be presented to the supreme judicatories of the various denominations for consideration and to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America with a view to becoming connected with said Council:

BASIS OF AGREEMENT.

Preamble.

Believing the liquor habit and liquor traffic to be the greatest menace to our beloved country and the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ; the source of political corruption, of waste and pauperism, of immorality and vice, of lawlessness and crime, of disease and death, of ruined homes and lost souls;

And believing that the legalization of the liquor traffic is contrary to the Word of God and the best interests of humanity and country;

And believing that the time has come, in the providence of God, when the whole Christian Church in our land ought to join voice, heart and hand in a persistent and thoroughly organized campaign for temperance, and throw the whole weight of her moral influence in favor of the legal suppression of the beverage liquor traffic.

Therefore, the members of the National Inter-Church Temperance Conference, assembled in the city of Pittsburgh, representing sixteen denominational bodies, do hereby recommend the following plan for the permanent National Inter-Church Temperance Council, to be submitted to the various ecclesiastical bodies for their approval:

Name.

The name of this organization shall be the National Inter-Church Temperance Council.

Objects.

The objects of this National Inter-Church Temperance Council shall be:

1. To express the unity of the Church in temperance principles and in her aggressive temperance work.

2. To promote Gospel temperance in the name of the Church, with the authority of the Church, supported by the Church, and responsible to the Church.

3. To secure the mutual counsel and the larger combined influence for the Churches of Christ in the temperance cause.

4. Unification of Church temperance effort by agreement upon plans and methods of work, and the practical measures most worthy of promotion by the whole Church, so that denominational temperance work shall not be divisive, but combined in moral sweep and impact.

5. To so inculcate temperance principles as to preserve the rising generation from the ravages of intemperance and to produce a stalwart army in opposition to the liquor traffic.

6. To create a sentiment which will compel the civil authorities to perform their whole duty concerning the traffic, prevent any seeming necessity for any Christian directly or indirectly supporting, encouraging, condoning or acquiescing in this heinous wickedness, and impress upon the individual Christian his duty to refrain from giving any encouragement to the traffic.

7. To enlist pulpit, platform and printing-press in behalf of better temperance laws, and to protest against non-enforcement or violation of existing laws.

8. To preserve the Church from entangling political alliances, and yet make clear the duty of Christian people to use the ballot against a traffic which is the enemy alike of Church and State.

9. To make clear the duty and ability of the Church to prohibit and overthrow the legalized liquor traffic whenever she so wills.

Limitations.

1. The National Inter-Church Temperance Council shall not attempt to commit the Christian Church to any political party nor enter into any election campaign for party candidates.

2. The National Inter-Church Temperance Council shall be limited in its sphere of operation to the lines indicated in these articles of agreement. It shall not attempt to legislate for the constituent bodies on the temperance question, but only give expression of its counsel or recommend a course of action in matters of common interest to churches and individuals. It shall have no authority to limit in any way the full autonomy of the Christian bodies adhering to it in their temperance work. On the other hand, no denomination shall speak for the Council on any matter upon which it has not specifically declared itself.

Basis of Membership.

1. The following named ecclesiastical bodies shall be eligible to membership in the National Inter-Church Temperance Council or any of its branches, and such other ecclesiastical bodies as may hereafter adopt these rules of agreement and be admitted by the National Council: Baptist, Christian, Church of God, Congregational, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Evangelical Association, Evangelical Synod of North America, Friends,

Lutheran, Methodist, Mennonites, Moravian, Presbyterian, Reformed Churches, United Brethren, United Evangelical.

2. Any denominational body entitled to membership herein may become such when it shall have officially ratified the articles of agreement and appointed its representatives to act officially in the Council, which representatives shall be elected in such manner and at such time as each affiliated body shall determine.

3. Each ecclesiastical body shall be entitled to four members (two ministers and two laymen), and two additional members (one minister and one layman) for each 200,000 membership or major fraction thereof.

Officers.

1. The officers of the National Inter-Church Temperance Council shall be a president, one vice-president from each of the constituent bodies, a corresponding secretary, and a treasurer, each of whom shall perform the duties usually assigned to such officers.

2. The corresponding secretary shall be the official representative of the National Inter-Church Temperance Council, under the direction of the executive committee. He shall be charged with the correspondence relative to the work of the Council, enlisting the coöperation of other ecclesiastical bodies, devising the best plans and methods of temperance work, and maintaining an efficient temperance bureau.

3. There shall be an executive committee which shall consist of seven ministers and seven laymen (not more than two of whom shall be of the same denomination), together with the president, the corresponding secretary, the recording secretary, and the treasurer. The executive committee shall have authority to attend to all business of the National Council in the interval between its meetings, submitting report of its transactions to the annual meeting of the National Council for approval.

Elections.

1. All officers shall be chosen at the regular meeting of the Council, and shall hold office until their successors take office.

2. The president, vice president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary and treasurer shall be elected by the National Council on nomination by the executive committee for the year just closing.

3. The executive committee shall be elected by ballot after nomination by the nominating committee, consisting of one representative named by the delegates of each affiliated body present.

4. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by the appointment of the executive committee.

Finances.

The expenses of the National Inter-Church Temperance Council for its meetings and its work shall be provided for by the several constituent bodies, pro rata according to membership, through the denominational temperance agencies.

Auxiliary Councils.

The question of the formation and operation of auxiliary Councils shall be referred to the constituent bodies of the next meeting of the National Inter-Church Temperance Council.

Meetings.

The National Inter-Church Temperance Council shall hold its meeting each year (unless otherwise directed by two-thirds vote of the executive committee), at such time and place as may be determined upon by the executive committee.

Quorum.

Delegates from a majority of the constituent bodies having representatives present shall constitute a quorum.

Amendments.

These articles of agreement may be altered or amended by the majority vote of the members of the Council, followed by a majority vote of the bodies present, each body voting separately.

Relation to the Federation of Churches.

It is the purpose of this National Inter-Church Temperance Council to co-operate with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, as far as the work is related to that of said Federation, in addition to reporting to the several denominational bodies forming this National Council.

Resolutions.

Resolved (1): That the preamble and articles of agreement which we have considered be approved for reference to the denominational bodies herein named for official action, and appointment of representatives to the proposed National Inter-Church Temperance Council for completion of that organization in accordance with instruction from the various denominational bodies.

Resolved (2): That it be the sense of this conference that the constituent bodies in adopting these articles of agreement and appointing their representatives should style their committee, "The committee on temperance and moral reform."

Resolved (3): We request the committees which called this conference to conduct the correspondence with other denominations herein named relative to becoming constituents members of the National Inter-Church Temperance Council, until at least seven denominations shall have acted favorably upon these articles of agreement, when they shall call a meeting of the official delegates of the denominations for completing the organization, —which meeting we suggest should if possible be held prior to the next meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Resolved (4): That we recognize the importance and the value of non-ecclesiastical temperance agencies in the prosecution of temperance work, and bid them Godspeed in their noble effort.

A true copy.

Attest: John F. Hill, *Secretary.*

We recommend. 1st. That our people be urged to make use of the Temperance stickers and that the Committee be directed to continue to furnish them.

2d. In view of the importance of the Temperance conflict in Oklahoma we recommend that the use of Temperance posters and other means of creating right public sentiment be prosecuted in Oklahoma and to aid in this work, the Synod appropriate $————————for this Oklahoma work.

3d. That the Committee be directed to secure some competent person who will secure and collect Temperance items and furnish these to the Church papers and all other papers so far as they may be reached.

4th. That the fourth Sabbath of November (24th) be set apart for Temperance sermons and discourses, and that a collection be taken on this Sabbath for the meeting of all bills unpaid, as noted in the above report and the expenses that will be incurred in the above recommendations.

5th. We recommend that the Committee be directed to have printed and distributed posters so far as they are called for in our congregations or elsewhere.

6th. We report that there was held under your direction a Temperance Conference in the Allegheny Church on the evenning of May 23d, and a collection amounting to $237.03, was taken up for the purpose of carrying on the suits against the saloon now pending in the Supreme Court of the State of Indiana. In forwarding this money this letter was sent with it:— The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, assembled in Allegheny, Pa., sends this contribution to aid in carrying to a favorable decision in the Supreme Court of the United States, the contention that the saloon is unconstitutional and a nuisance; and that we may have a stainless flag and a saloonless state.

W. W. Carithers, *Chairman,*
A. M. Mitchell,
T. G. Graham.

On motion the matter of coöperating with the National Inter-Church Temperance Conference was referred to a special committee, to report at next Synod.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M. Prayer by D. McAllister.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 P. M., Synod met and was led in prayer by J. W. Sproull.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Theological Seminary and Education reported. Report received, and taken up item by item for adoption. Item relating to Geneva College stricken out.

The matter brought up by memorial of the students of the Theological Seminary was laid on the table and referred to a special committee, to report at the next meeting of Synod. The report as amended was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND EDUCATION.

Your Committee would respectfully report:

Four papers have been placed in our hands, viz., the report of the Superintendents of the Theological Seminary. The report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College. The report of the Board of Corporators of

Geneva College, and a memorial from the students of the Seminary with reference to students preaching before licensure.

From the report of the Superintendents of the Seminary it is evident, that the condition of that institution is highly satisfactory and we commend it to the fullest confidence and support, both financial and moral, of the whole Church.

We recommend that Walter T. Miller and Dr. David McAllister be chosen their own successors on the Board of Superintendents. Also, in view of the feeble condition of Dr. McAllister's health and his consequent inability to attend regularly the meetings, that Rev. W. J. Coleman also be chosen a member of the Board of Superintendents.

The reports of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College and of the Board of Incorporators, which have been read in this court, have set forth fully the condition of that institution.

We therefore recommend:

1. That the whole Church be urged, in response to the appeal of the Board of Incorporators, to rally to the support of the College with her means and her prayers.

2. That Walter T. Miller be chosen his own successor on the Board of Corporators.

G. M. Robb,
H. B. McMillan,
P. J. McDonald,
William Blair,
J. E. Carithers.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary would respectfully report:

The Board met in the Seminary Hall, Allegheny, April 30th, 1907, and adjourned on Wednesday evening, May 1st, 1907.

Nineteen students were in attendance, viz.:

Third Year—John Coleman, W. O. Ferguson, E. C. Mitchell, W. M. Robb, D. R. Taggart and A. A. Wylie.

Second Year—S. G. Finney, A. A. Johnston, S. M. Morrow, R. W. Piper and R. E. Willson.

First Year—William Arthur Aikin, Paul Coleman, Josiah Dodds Edgar, David Bruce Elsey, Frank Dean Fraser, Walter Clyde McClurkin, Elmer Russell and Owen Foster Thompson.

The attendance of the students this year was good, nine out of the nineteen not having missed a recitation.

The discourses and examinations were unanimously sustained.

Professor Sleeth gave instruction in elocution.

Certificates to their respective Presbyteries were given to the students of the second year, and diplomas to the students of the third year.

We transfer to Synod a memorial of the students with reference to the action of the Synod of 1889, permitting students to occupy our pulpits under the direction of the pastor.

The terms of Dr. McAllister and Mr. Walter T. Miller expire. Their successors should be elected.

We ask for the Seminary Fund, $2,000.

T. P. Stevenson, *Chairman.*
J. W. Sproull, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College presents its annual report:

The past year has brought important changes in the institution under our care. The report of our Board of Trustees, herewith transmitted, will inform the Synod of the nature of these changes.

The Board of Trustees through its Secretary and other members brought before us the conditions which in its judgment made necessary the action taken. It is not necessary to embody these facts in our report to Synod.

It is sufficient to say that cerain unsatisfactory conditions made it evident that sooner or later radical changes must take place, and the financial situation of the college precipitated the crisis. The rule of Synod that the running expenses of the College must be kept within its income is imperative; and the annually accumulating debt showed that this could not be done without a readjustment..

Without entering into further details we state the conclusions reached by the Board of Corporators after careful investigation.

First. We fully concur in the judgment of our Board of Trustees that the state of affairs demanded that there should be a reconstruction of the Faculty as a whole.

Second. It is due to all to state in the clearest and most emphatic terms that the action of our Board of Trustees in asking for the resignations of all the members of the College Faculty, and in declaring vacant all the Professors' chairs, neither expresses nor does it imply any degree of censure whatever upon any member of the Faculty, individually.

Third. That we modify the action of the Board of Trustees to the extent of retaining Dr. Johnston as President, with W. H. George as assistant during the coming year.

Our whole Board of Trustees is elected annually, and, in accordance with the request of the present Board, we have appointed a committee to take into consideration the composition of the Board for the coming year, with a view to securing the most careful supervision of the interests of the College.

While it was natural and inevitable that the radical course adopted for securing relief from conditions which all admit demanded correction should be the subject of criticism on the part of those unacquainted with the facts, yet it is our confident belief that when the circumstances are more fully understood this unfavorable judgment will be revised and modified, and whatever view may be held as to the mode of procedure, the results will be cordially accepted by all the friends of College.

We appeal, therefore, to the whole Church to rally to the support of this institution, to lift it out of its financial embarrassment, which is largely due to the failure of the Church in the recent years to contribute the amount appropriated by Synod for its aid; and to give to Geneva College a larger place in their prayers and intercessions before God.

The Board of Corporators endorses the request of the Board of Trustees as to the appropriation for the coming year.

T. P. Stevenson has been appointed to represent the Board of Corporators on the floor of Synod.

The term for which Walter T. Miller was elected as Synodical member of the Board of Trustees has expired and his successor should be chosen.

Respectfuly submitted,

T. P. Stevenson, *President.*
R. J. George, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College:

SIRS:—Your Board of Trustees respectfully report: We have held ten meetings since our appointment. In general the work has proceeded in a quiet way during the year Dr. Johnston has labored faithfully in his efforts to increase the Endowment fund and has so far succeeded that he thinks that he will be able to report the amount necessary to secure the gift of Mr. Carnegie by the time of the annual Commencement. This will, to some extent, depend on the liberality of those who have contributed nothing as yet to the fund. The President of the College at the close of the second term felt that he had so far succeeded in securing the required amount that he could complete the work by correspondence, and he asked and obtained leave from the Board to return to his work in the College.

We should give great credit to him for his laborious task of soliciting funds for the institution, and it is the hope of the Board that both he and the generous friends that have come to the aid of the College, at his solicitation, will be rewarded in the development of the Christian character of the youth that may frequent the College in the years that are to come.

The Alumni have taken new interest in their Alma Mater. Three representatives appointed by the Alumni Association appeared before your Board and expressed a desire to be in closer touch with the institution, and expressed their deep and abiding interest in her welfare. They expressed themselves on behalf of the association that they represented as willing to do anything in their power to assist in making the College influential in the Beaver Valley and surrounding country. These representatives are the honorable John B. Steel, Mr. Edwin F. Wendt, and Mr. Robert M. Pearce. These gentlemen were received by the Board and were invited to sit as consultative members. This privilege will also pertain to their successors. These representatives accepted the invitation of the Board, and have taken a great interest in all its proceedings. They have given much study to the needs of the College, and have also looked into the methods that are in use in other institutions of learning. They have counseled freely with the Board in the matters that pertain to the welfare of the College. Among the things suggested by them is the thorough enlisting the people of the valley in the interest of the College. There are sufficient young people within reach of Geneva and in the surrounding towns to make Geneva a well-sustained institution, provided that we can get them enlisted. Arrangements are being made for a systematic canvass of the community The Board also is very desirous to enlist the pastors of the congregations of the Church in an endeavor to send students here. The Faculty of the College feel very hopeful that we will have a large attendance next year. The attendance was not as large this year as in former years. We might mention a number of reasons for the falling off. There were large graduating classes for two years that made it necessary, in order to keep up our number, that we should have larger new classes than we obtained. There is keen competition, and agents of other colleges have been very busy canvassing. During the past year the game of American Rugby foot-ball was not permitted, and the majority of the young people delight in the game and do not like to attend school where the game is not played. In parts of the Church there is opposition to the game being played in our College, but those who had opposed the game did not, as we had hoped, manifest any renewed interest in the College after the game was abolished. The faculty have thought wise to permit the game next year, but in a modified form, with special moral regulations and under the supervision of a Board composed of members of the faculty, one student and one member of the Alumni Association. While a largely increased attendance of students may not be secured by the reinstatement of the game, yet we hope that it

will serve to create and to foster the college spirit, and, if so, it will be very helpful in securing students.

The graduating class numbered eight. Two received the degree of A.B., two that of B.S., and four that of B.M.

The health of students and professors has been good.

The finances of the College need the most careful attention. We have on previous occasions reported to you the overdraft on the current funds and mentioned some of the causes. This overdraft has increased. During the month of November last a statement was sent us by Synod's Board of Trustees. This Board notified us "that Synod's Board of Trustees would pay the salaries of the Professors of Geneva College for November, 1906 and that no further payments are to be made on account of Geneva College current account until Synod's Board of Trusteees is secured by collateral satisfactory to said Board of Trustees of Synod for the present overdraft of $6,566.21 and also for the prospective overdraft."

The College Board of Trustees in order to meet the conditions of the Financial Board offered a note signed by the officers of the College Board to cover all overdrafts. The Financial Board accepted this proffer, but with the understanding that special efforts will be made by the College Board to increase the receipts and reduce the expenses of the College for the next year. Your Board was face to face with a most weighty problem. A committee was appointed to visit the College and learn the conditions. This committee after a careful examination of affairs reported. Much censure was placed on the College Board for not giving more attention to the College affairs. The members of the Board had other duties, and while the Board had willingly assembled whenever there seemed to be need and were called to do so, had tried to assist the President of the College in formulating plans for the betterment of all concerned, yet owing to other responsibilities the Board had not been as attentive to the state of affairs, she had not watched the condition of the finances and taken that prompt action, had not counseled with the President and Faculty and shown that sympathy to the professors in cases of discipline or trouble that the great importance of the institution to the Church and society demanded. Dr. McAllister, owing to infirmity, had not been able to attend our meetings. Dr. Wilson, owing to his other duties, felt that he could not do the College justice by longer continuing on the Board and gave notice to that effect. Your Board resolved to ask you, the Board of Corporators, to take into careful consideration the composition of the Board of Trustees, so that not only will men of ability be chosen, but we ask you to select men who can give some time to its important interests. The Board now at the roll call of each meeting makes inquiry of each member if he has visited the College since the last meeting of the Board. Your Board did not believe that we have too great teaching force at the present time, nor does it think it wise policy to curtail, but until the overdraft is paid off felt that we must reduce expenses. It also realized that if we are to make a successful canvass for students, we must keep the teaching force to the highest possible point of efficiency. At this point Prof. Otto F. Bert, who had always manifested a deep interest in the welfare of the school, resigned the chair of mathematics. Prof. J. M. Coleman had already obtained leave of absence to prosecute study in one of the universities. We did not think that the present teaching force could carry the work of both these professors. That matter of faculty was referred to a committee. This committee recommended a reorganization. Geneva College has attained a high degree of success during the administration of the Rev. W. P. Johnston, D.D., LL.D., its worthy President. His gentle manners won the hearts of the students. Many young people have been inspired to a high and noble life by his words, counsel and example. Through his efforts Science Hall was erected. All the new endowment that has been secured was through his labors. The field now used for athletics, owned by the college, is due to

his faith and energy. He has borne the responsibilities of Geneva through times of trouble. The students that have gone from the college love Dr. Johnston. When he canvassed for money he made friends by his gentleness and courtesy. His character commands the admiration of the Church and the people of the vicinity of the college, and he is honored wherever he is known. That God will grant him long days of happiness and usefulness is the wish and prayer of the members of the Board, and that in the end he shall receive the crown is the confident hope of all. He was made President Emeritus.

Rev. W. Henry George was chosen his successor. Mr. W. Henry George is the son of the Rev. H. H. George, D.D., who for years was the efficient President of Geneva. He is the pastor of the Vernon congregation, Wisconsin. He graduated at Geneva, Harvard, the Allegheny Theological Seminary, and took a post-graduate course in the Princeton Theological Seminary, and from the latter place received the degree of Master of Arts. In all these places of learning he was respected by students and professors. He is a scholar, and we believe that he possesses those qualities of heart and judgment, and also has that Christian character, that will make him a great power for good in the college and in the Church. He is young in years but mature in judgment, and we believe that he lives near to Christ, and we know that, with the Divine blessing, he will succeed. We ask that he may have the loyal support of the Church.

We are now engaged in the work of reorganizing the faculty. The present overdraft is now $5,826.66. We ask that Synod name $2,500 as the amount to be raised in the annual collection. We also ask for a collection in the interest of the Library. We appeal to the Synod for the active support of the pastors and elders in our efforts to secure a larger attendance of students for the future years. May we have the continued prayers of all those who are interested in the youth, in the future ministry of the Church and of all those who wish the triumph of the kingdom of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Kilpatrick, *President.*
J. R. Wylie, *Secretary.*

Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Commencing with 1882, annual reports have been presented on this important subject. The position taken in the first report was that "the tithe, in its own nature and in the ends to be served by it, was not ceremonial or typical, but moral, and is therefore, like the Sabbath, of universal obligation." Every one of the twenty-five reports takes, substantially, the same ground.

Notwithstanding the fact that Synod has been urging this duty on the members of the Church so many years, it is for a lamentation that, so far as known, a large proportion are not tithe payers. Some make the excuse that they do not know how to compute the tithe. In view of this you have instructed your committee "to set forth, if possible, the true explanation of the principle of tithing." In our endeavor to do this we state some Bible principles which, we believe, have direct bearing on this subject.

I. God calls all men, first of all, to consecrate themselves to Him, as the Corinthian Christians did, who, as Paul says, first gave themselves to the Lord and unto us by the will of God, 2 Cor. 8: 5. He who has fully consecrated himself to God will not withhold his tithes.

II. All we have belongs to God. We are simply the Lord's stewards, in duty bound to use all He puts into our hands as He requires.

III. The Lord requires us to pay tithes. This appears:

1. From approved examples. We cite the cases of Abraham and Jacob, Gen. 14:20; 28:22; Heb. 7:4-6. The fact that no command to pay tithes is found in the book of Genesis does not militate against this position any more than the fact that there is no express command in Genesis to offer sacrifices or to pray proves that God did not in that day require such services. The fact that men did in that day offer sacrifices and pray with acceptance is proof conclusive that such services were required. The same argument proves that tithe paying was a duty from the beginning of human history.

2. This law was renewed in explicit terms to Israel. We read, "The tithe * * * is the Lord's," Lev. 27:30. God always held the Jews as bound by this law. He charged those who withheld the tithes with robbery, Mal. 3:8.

3. The law has never been repealed. On the contrary, Jesus confirmed it when He said, concerning tithing mint, anise and cummin: "These ought ye to have done," Mat 23:23.

The question may be asked, "Are there not those who may be excused from paying tithes?" We answer, the law is binding on all, but there may be those who, on the ground which justifies using a part or even the whole of the Sabbath in works which are secular, may also be justified in using a part or even the whole of the tithe for personal or family support. Such, however, are exceptional cases. The rule is that, regarding the law we shall not lack temporal or spiritual blessings.

IV. The question is asked, "How is the tithe to be computed?" As the law was given to Israel, God claimed a tithe of the entire increase of the flock and of the field, Lev. 27:30-32. But methods of business in ancient Israel were simple and expenses light. In our day the case is very different. In our day, in some cases, to tithe the entire receipts would leave little for family support and might even involve in debt; hence we conclude that the law for our day is, *The gross income less the cash outlay in producing it is to be tithed.* The farmer may deduct from the market value of the products of his farm the ordinary cash outlay for machinery, for laborers, for cattle to consume his grain and for grain to feed his cattle. The renter of farm land may deduct his payment for rent. The business man who rents his place for business may deduct rent money, the cost of goods and clerk hire and other necessary expenses. The professional man may deduct from his income the cash outlay necessary in his professional calling. *Nothing but the actual cost of production should be deducted from the gross income before tithing.* All living expenses, such as house rent, taxes, food, fuel, clothing, etc., should be met from that which remains after the tithe is paid. In cases in which the cash outlay in securing the income is small it would be well to tithe the gross income. Better in every case to exceed the tithe than use any of the Lord's money for ourselves.

V. The tithe should be paid systematically. The injunction, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as the Lord hath prospered him," 1 Cor. 16:2, teaches that there should be system both as to time and proportion. Every cause should be thoughtfully and prayerfully considered and each should receive its due proportion at the proper time. Church officers should be an example to all others. Parents should teach their children to tithe their dimes and half-dollars and thus raise up a generation of tithe-payers. It would be well if all congregations would adopt the envelope system.

VI. While we maintain that the tithe is the Lord's and that he who withholds it is robbing God, we do not say that this is the limit of obligation in every case. The world-wide commission which Christ has given His servants in this Gospel age calls not only for tithes, but for free-will offerings. He who has a large income has not done his full duty when he has paid his tithes.

Having freely received he should freely give. He should be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate and so lay up a good foundation against the time to come, that he may lay hold on eternal life, I. Tim. 6: 18-19.

We present the following recommendations for adoption:

1. Synod holds that the law of the tithe is in full force in New Testament times; that God requires every one to devote at least one-tenth of his increase to His cause and that all who refuse to do so are guilty of robbery.

2. Synod holds that the gross income less only the cash outlay in producing it should be tithed.

3. Synod holds that every one who has an income is bound by this law.

4. Synod urges every member of the Church to consider carefully all calls made upon him for the Lord's work and to give its due proportion to every cause.

5. Synod urges all congregations to adopt the envelope system and all members of the Church to contribute to the Lord's work in this way.

6. Synod urges every one who is increasing in wealth to make liberal free-will offerings to the Lord.

7. Synod urges pastors to preach from time to time on systematic beneficence; Church officers to be examples to all others, and all Church members, who see the importance of these things, to pray earnestly that the day may soon come when every one who names the name of Christ may bring the tithes into the storehouse and claims the promised blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Trumbull,
R. J. George,
M. M. Pearce,
L. M. Samson,
Henry O'Neill.

Report on Psalmody again taken up. Item 2 under discussion. In place of this item a substitute was adopted. The report as amended was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PSALMODY.

True worshippers everywhere ought to sing the Psalms. They excel all other songs. They are inspired. It was under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that they were collected into a manual of praise, and they have thus a Divine appointment for a specific end. Then, in addition to the Divine appointment, there is the Divine command, both in the Old Testament and in the New, to sing the Psalms. If for no other reason, therefore, they ought to be sung simply in order to obey the command. When God Himself takes the pains to get a Psalter ready and tells us to sing its songs, we ought to do it.

But there are good reasons for such a command. One of them is that the plan of salvation lies at the basis not only of each individual Psalm, but of the whole collection in its present arrangement as well. The Psalter is the plan of redemption unfolded in song. It moves out like a galley with oars proudly ploughing its way from the outset between the righteous and the wicked, and riding into port in the end on flood tides of glory amid great and splendid cloudbursts of praise and joy unutterable. The Psalter sets forth the plan of redemption from its beginning to its consummation. The plan is ever present as the background forth from which the Psalms

stand out in bold relief. It is the framework by their attachment to which they rise as magnificent structures. It is the latent system according to whose laws they crystallize and sparkle in the light of Heaven. Not that the Psalms are the plan of redemption stated in theological terms, or elaborated according to any formal outline. Not that, but this rather—they are the plan of redemption personalized, taking shape, as it were, in the soul, pervading and passing through the soul, and finally emerging from the soul in language moulded by the skill and the artistry of the only wise mind. The Psalms may be said to be the rest of the Bible in essence—the rest of the Bible refined and polished into song—the rest of the Bible prepared for the heart—in solution, so to say, ready to be distilled, through the medium of experience, in the life, there to accumulate, until, under the pressure of the hand of Almighty God, they can rise in fountains of praise, clear as crystal, before the face of Him that sitteth on the throne. In a word, the Psalms are the plan of salvation experimentalized, and couched in songs that can wing their way to the heart of God, and they ought, on that account, to be sung in His praise to the end of time.

Now the design of the plan of redemption, of course, is to reveal God, and to make it possible for men to be perfect as he is perfect. Let us then, for a moment, regard the soul, for which the plan was prepared, as a sort of inland lake which is meant to reflect from its depths the image of God. If the lake is "pure and undefiled," the reflected image of God will naturally be clear and distinct, and the consequent conduct, in turn, will be such as the conscious presence of God would be likely to inspire. If, on the contrary, this spiritual lake should not be "pure," that is, if its surface should happen to be covered with filth, and if at the same time it should not be "undefiled," that is, if its mirroring capacity should happen to be marred by turbidness or rippling waves, then the image received and given back would of necessity be dim and deflected, and the morals accordingly, as one might expect, would be proportionately loose and deplorable. But the thing that chills the heart to-day is that the morals of men in many quarters of the Church of Christ are loose and deplorable. False ideas prevail and are bearing their legitimate fruits. And the cause of it all is that the image of God in the hearts of professing Christians is becoming fatally dimmed and deflected. Men are harboring a vitiated vision of God and it is resulting in erroneous views with respect to doctrine and conduct. What the Churches are in need of, therefore, whether they know it or not; what our own Church must guard more tenderly than the apple of the eye, is the Psalms—those songs that unveil the image and character of God, that disclose the truth about His being and all His attributes and ineffable excellencies—those songs which are potent enough, when properly used, to cleanse the surface and still the waves of the soul, so that all men everywhere, with open face and placid spirit, reflecting as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, may be transformed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. And the Psalms of the Lord of Hosts will do this. "The Book of Psalms," says Hengstenberg, "is full of the noblest testimonies to the being of God and His perfections. * * * * * * This is one chief reason why the Psalter is so precious to the afflicted. It presents God so clearly and vividly before their eyes that they see Him, in a manner, with their bodily sight, and find thereby the sting taken from their pains. In this, too, lies one great element of the importance of the Psalter for the present times. What men now most of all need is that the blanched image of God should again be freshened up in them. This, not the denial of particular tenets of revelation, which is only a consequence of the other, and which can never be thoroughly eradicated so long as the fundamental evil remains, is the deepest grief of the Church, and one which believers will still have to bear with. Those who would strive to effect, in this respect, a reformation in themselves or others, will find in the Psalms a mighty help. The more closely we connect ourselves with them, the more will God

cease to be to us a shadowy form, which can neither hear, nor help, nor judge us, and to which we can present no supplications." Thus, as Hengstenberg puts it, it is the freshening up of the blanched image of God in the soul that is needed among Christians, and he finds in the Psalms "a mighty help." They ought to be sung.

But what will keep the Psalms in use? Not versions simply, or metres, or tunes. These, of course, ought to be good and substantial, never lame or frivolous. It it not the inane reiteration of the anthem, of the tintinnabulation of the preposterous chorus, that will keep the Psalms in use. Indeed, where the Psalms are already used, these do as much as possible to render them useless. The one thing needful is to know the meaning of the Psalms. It is the explanation that recommends them, and by that we mean the explanation that explains. If we can only get our people to grasp the meaning of the Psalms, they will hold them dear forever.

Your Committee submit for adoption the following recommendations:

1. That our ministry be urged to take special pains, in the explaining of the Psalms, to set before the people their divine origin and arrangement, their beginning and groundwork in experience, their structure, their scope, their value in brightening up the image of God in the soul, their distinctive Messianic character, and their exclusive adaptability for purposes of praise.

2. That the pastors and sessions of such congregations as may be using unauthorized versions of the Psalms in the worship, in any department of their church work, be earnestly urged to discontinue the practice and conform to the law of the Church on the subject.

W. J. McKnight,
J. M. Johnston,
John R. Steele.

The following resolutions were adopted: That a committee be appointed to report on an enlarged edition of our Psalm Selections.

That the report on Systematic Beneficence be printed in tract form.

That James McCune be appointed to draft letters to be sent to W. W. Wilson, T. H. Acheson and W. M. George.

Recess was taken until 7 P. M. Prayer by J. M. Johnston.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place, 7 P. M., Synod met and was led in prayer by J. M. Foster. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Discipline reported. Report received and taken up item by item for adoption. Item 2, relating to the ordination of E. J. Feuersohn, was laid on the table until next meeting of Synod. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

Your Committee on Discipline would report three papers have been referred to us:

1. A paper from Illinois Presbytery asking answers to the following questions:

(a) What use can Covenanters make of telephones on the Sabbath when the control is in the hands of Sabbath breakers?

(b) Can Covenanters hold stock or office or vote for officers in telephone companies that violate the Sabbath?

(c) What is the duty of Covenanters when the majority of stockholders having a rule against unnecessary business on the Sabbath Day habitually violate their own rule?

2. The ordination of Licentiate E. J. Feuersohn.

3. The question in reference to E. M. Coleman, from Colorado Presbytery.

As to item 1: We submit the following: The only use which Covenanters should make of the telephone on the Sabbath is in cases of necessity and mercy. It is inconsistent with our principles for any member to "hold stock or office or vote for officers in telephone companies" that make no provision for the protection of the sanctity of the Sabbath. In companies where there is little or no attention paid by the stockholders to a provision protecting the Sabbath our duty is first to seek in every possible way to get the stockholders to respect their law. If in this matter we fail, then it is our duty to separate from such Sabbath-breaking companies.

As to item 2: Having no knowledge of the circumstances of the case nor of the candidate's fitness for the Gospel ministry, we recommend that the propriety of his ordination be left to the members of the Philadelphia Presbytery; they have the rules of Synod in such cases to guide them.

As to item 3: As E. M. Coleman, who was certified from Kansas Presbytery to Colorado Presbytery, has entered the United Presbyterian Church, we deem no action in his case necessary.

S. J. Johnston,
J. A. Black,
A. F. Reid,
J. M. Edgar.

Committee on Records of Presbyteries reported. Nothing found contrary to the law and order of the Church, except in the records of the Illinois and Pittsburgh Presbyteries. Reports all adopted.

Committee on Supplies reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

The Committee of Supplies would respectfully report: Twenty-three ministers and licentiates have asked for preaching for the whole or a part of the year, while the Presbyteries have asked the full time of less than ten men. Thus it has been necessary to assign more men to Presbyteries than are asked by them. We recommend that Presbyteries find work for as many men as possible by inaugurating Mission stations, placing stated supplies over weak congregations, carrying on Testimony Bearing and National Reform work, etc., etc. It would also aid in securing work if congregations would secure their supplies through the Presbytery's Committee of Supplies. We also recommend that pastors when absent from their congregations and expecting to supply their pulpits favor as far as practicable those who may not be getting much work in vacant congregations.

We offer the following schedule of appointments for the coming year:

Allen, R. C.—November, Rochester; December, New York; January and February, Kansas; March, Iowa; April, Illinois.

Allen, T. J.—June, Ohio; July and August, Rochester; September, Pittsburgh; October and December, Kansas; November, Colorado; January, Iowa; February, Illinois; April, Ohio; May, New York.

Blackwood—July and August, Colorado.

Coleman—June, Ohio; July, Iowa; August and September, Kansas.

Crooks—June and July, Colorado; September and October, Kansas; November and December, Iowa; January, Illinois; February, Pittsburgh; March, Ohio; April, Rochester; May, New York.

Faris, Isaiah —The whole year, Kansas.

Ferguson—June and April, Iowa; July, Illinois; August, Colorado; September and October, Kansas; November, Ohio; December, Pittsburgh; January, Rochester; February and March, New York; April, Iowa.

Finney —June, July, August and September, Pittsburgh; May, Kansas.

Johnston, A. A.—June, Colorado; July, Kansas; August and September, Iowa; May, Ohio.

Latimer —June and March, Pittsburgh; July and August, Ohio; September, Illinois; October and February, Iowa; November, Kansas; December and January, Colorado; May, Rochester.

McBurney, G. R.—July, March and April, Kansas;; August and May, Iowa; September, Illinois; October, Ohio; November, Pittsburgh; December, Rochester; January, New York; February, Colorado.

McBurney, W. J.—June, July, August and May, Kansas; September, October, November and December, N. B. and N. S.; January, Pittsburgh; February, Ohio; March, Illinois; April, Iowa.

McCartney —July and August, Pittsburgh; September, Rochester.

McFarland, W.—July and May, Rochester; August and April, Pittsburgh; September, New York; October, Illinois; November and December, Iowa; January and February, Kansas; March, Ohio.

McMillan—June and April, Kansas; October and March, Colorado; November, Iowa; December, Illinois.

Morrow—June and July, Kansas; August, Iowa; September and May, Illinois.

Piper—June, Illinois; July and May, Iowa; August, Kansas; September, Ohio.

Robb, G. M.—August and February, Illinois; September, October and March, Iowa; November and January, Kansas; December, Colorado; April, Ohio; May, Pittsburgh.

Sproull—July to December, inclusive, Ohio; February and March, Rochester.

Taggart—June, Rochester; July and August, N. B. and N. S.; September and October, Colorado; November and December, Kansas; January and February, Iowa; March and April, Illinois; May, Ohio

Wallace—June, March and April, New York; July and August, Illinois; September and October, Iowa; November, Colorado; December, Kansas; January, Ohio; February, Pittsburgh.

Wilson, R. E.—June, Iowa; July and August, New York; September, Rochester; May, Pittsburgh.

McKnight, E. L—June and January, Pittsburgh; July, Iowa; August, Kansas; September and May, Colorado; October and November, Illinois; December, Ohio; February and March, Rochester.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. MCCUNE,
W. S. FULTON,
J. M. WYLIE,
W. S. WILSON,
D. G. MCKEE.

Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION AND CHURCH ERECTION.

The Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection respectfully report: No papers have been referred to us except the reports of the Boards.

1. Sustentation. The report of this Board shows that nine congregations applied for aid in the payment of their pastors' salaries, four less than last year. The Board was able to pay the full amount asked for with a balance of $1,950.89 in the treasury.

2. Church Erection. In the report of this Board the following items should receive special mention: The death of one of its members, Elder S. K. McGuire; progress in the construction of the church building at Los Angeles, California, with the prospect of its completion in the fall and dedication free of debt with the aid of another thousand dollars from the Board; permission given the Rev. G. N. Greer, pastor of the Santa Ana, California, Congregation, to canvass the Church for aid in building a house of worship in that city; the sale of the Mansfield, Ohio, church property and the distribution of the proceeds; the prospect of a number of applications for aid in the erection of church buildings in the near future; the large balance in the treasury; the expiration of the terms of Walter T. Miller and Robert McAfee.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That both these Boards be commended for the fidelity with which they have managed the funds entrusted to them.

2. That distribution from the Sustentation Fund be made according to the schedule submitted by the Board.

3. That the people be encouraged to give liberally for the proposed church building in Santa Ana.

4. That the full amount of the appropriation for church erection should be raised in view of the numerous applications to be made for aid from this fund.

5. That Walter T. Miller and Robert McAfee be elected to fill the vacancies made by the expiration of their terms of office.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Wylie,
S. R. Wallace,
J. G. Reed,
Will R. Porter,
Alexander Adams.

BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

In presenting this, our annual report, your Board has to record the death of another of its members—Elder S. K. McGuire. Mr. McGuire was indentified with the Board for fourteen years, receiving appointment as member in 1892. He was faithful in attending the meetings, and his counsel was helpful and wise. He was a genial companion, and is very much missed in your Board. We have parted with him for a little while in full confidence that he has entered into his reward through Christ our Lord.

Your Board has not, during the past year, been called upon to aid in erecting many churches. But one applied for help—Los Angeles Congregation. This congregation, under the energetic efforts of their pastor, Rev. P.

J. McDonald, received the $1,000 which your Board held in readiness to give as soon as work on their new church was under way. They began work in the early summer of 1906, and by persistent effort the congregation is now occupying the Sabbath-school room, with prospect of completing the auditorium in the near future. The building is 49 x 68 over all. The auditorium is 40 x 40, with a seating capacity of 225. The Sabbath-school room is 44 x 48, with seating capacity of 150; with class-rooms opened, 200. The basement and furnace rooms 12 x 16 x 10.

The building is expected to cost about $11,500. Of this $4,600 was contributed by the congregation; one member, Miss Mary McConnell, making a large gift of $4,000, and $4,404 (up to May 1st) had been collected through the denomination. The cost of the church—$11,500—is exclusive of lots, which cost $1,550.

In the hope of dedicating the church free of debt the congregation applied to your Board for an additional $1,000.

At meeting on May 9th, 1907, this second $1,000 was appropriated on the condition that the church be dedicated free of debt.

The church is well located in growing part of the city, and pastor and people are encouraged in the outlook for long years of active service in the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Santa Ana.

This congregation, situated in the growing town of Santa Ana, about thirty-two miles from Los Angeles, is under the efficient pastoral care of Rev. Geo. N. Greer. They have been, and are now, worshipping in a church hired for specified days. Pastor and people have taken steps looking for a permanent church home, and have secured lots in good location. The lots, costing $1,250, are paid for. They propose to take up, immediately, the work of building their church. This they will not be able to do of themselves, however willing. They have received permission from the Board of Church Erection to canvass for funds, which canvass will be begun this summer, and they are recommended to the cordial liberality of the people of God. It is hoped that they will soon have their house of worship, for congregational work is hindered unless there be a permanent church home.

Mansfield.

As recorded in your Board's report last year, the Mansfield Congregation contemplated the sale of their church property, and the giving up of the work in that city for the present. Since last meeting of Synod, said congregation sold the property for $7,000. They returned to Church Erection Treasury the $500 appropriated in 1884; and, in addition, they put into Church Erection Treasury $800 from proceeds of sale of property. Thus $1,300 are in the treasury, from this Church, to go out again in helping along the erection of churches elsewhere.

In addition to the above-mentioned amounts put in Church Erection Treasury, the balance from sale of the Mansfield Church was divided by the trustees as follows: Geneva College Endowment, $1,000; Los Angeles church building, $500; Syrian Mission, $500; Santa Ana church building, $400; Aged Peoples' Home, $500; Southern Mission, $250; Indian Mission, $250; Mission in China, $500; Domestic Mission, $800; National Reform, $200. The money from sale of Mansfield Church thus goes on in the Lord's work, but it is sad to see a congregation become extinct.

Several congregations contemplate the erection of church buildings soon, and it is probable your Board will be called upon for aid.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Walter T. Miller, is unusually encouraging in the amount of money on hand.

Receipts.

Balance reported to Synod, 1906	$3,296 86
Received from all sources	3,536 55
Total receipts	$6,833.41

EXPENDITURES.

Los Angeles Congregation	$1,000 00
Balance brought down	$5,833 41

Your Board would ask for an appropriation of $4,000 for the coming year.

The time for which Treasurer Walter T. Miller, and the President of the Board, Mr. Robert McAfee, were elected has expired, and their places should be filled.

Our Secretary was appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MCAFEE, *President.*
F. M. FOSTER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUSTENTATION.

The Board of Sustentation would respectfully report that the following congregations have applied for aid from the Sustentation Fund: Barnet, Coldenham, Kansas City, Mercer, Rehoboth, Syracuse, West Hebron and White Lake, and that the amount asked for is two thousand five hundred and eleven dollars. Four congregations applying last year make no application this year, three of them being without pastors.

We have in the treasury for distribution four thousand four hundred and eight dollars and eighty-nine cents, made up as follows:

Balance from last year	$77 23
D. Gregg Endowment, interest	576 66
Executrix Estate of Andrew Alexander	2,000 00
Congregations, Sabbath-schools and individuals	1,755 10
Total	$4,408 89

This enables us to pay the full amount asked for with a balance of nineteen hundred and fifty dollars and eighty-nine cents ($1,950.89) in the treasury. This balance is accounted for not by larger contributions, but by fewer applications and in some cases less being asked for.

The following table shows the deficit in each congregation and the amount supplemented by the Board, &c.:

Congregations.	Number Members	Salary Paid by Cong.	Amount Paid per Member	Deficit	Supplement by Board
Barnet	60	$450	$7 50	$350	$297
Kansas City (6 mos.)	57	350	12 28	250	250
Mercer (10 mos.)	59	530	10 78	136	136
Rehoboth	40	500	12 50	300	300
Syracuse	65	700	10 77	500	500
West Hebron	27	325	12 04	375	375
White Lake	58	500	8 62	300	300
Coldenham	58	500	8 62	300	300
				$2,511	$2,458

J. W. SPROULL, *Chairman.*
A. C. COULTER, *Recording Secretary.*
W. J. COLEMAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

The following action was taken: That Kansas City Congregation receive $150 extra from Sustentation Fund.

Committee on Traveling Fund reported. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

THE COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING FUND.

The Committee on Traveling Fund would respectfully report: The traveling expenses of the delegates exceed the quotas of the congregations by $1,390.80. This necessitates an individual assessment of $7.60. To meet the demands made upon the fund this year would require a levy on the Church of 45 cents per member in place of the current 30 cents.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1906	$0 38	
From quotas	2,761 50	
From deficit assessment	1,390 80	
		$4,152 68

EXPENDITURES.

To 11 delegates Colorado Presbytery	$927 30	
To 18 delegates Illinois Presbytery	488 50	
To 11 delegates Iowa Presbytery	310 75	
To 28 delegates Kansas Presbytery	1,184 70	
To 2 delegates N. B. & N. S. Presbytery	95 87	
To 24 delegates New York Presbytery	521 36	
To 22 delegates Ohio Presbytery	276 13	
To 55 delegates Pittsburgh Presbytery	135 01	
To 7 delegates Philadelphia Presbytery	100 76	
To 5 delegates Rochester Presbytery	74 61	
To J. S. Tibby, Minutes 1906, p. 105	22 29	
		$4,137 28
Balance		$15 40

JOHN H. PRITCHARD, *Chairman.*

The following action was taken: That all expenses of the above committee be paid and the balance turned over to Synod's Treasurer, to be added to the Traveling Fund of next year.

Committee on Finance reported. Report received and taken up item by item for adoption, with Item 8 amended and with two additional items added. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the following papers have been placed in our hands:

1. The request of the Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association, and the request of the Alliance of Reformed Churches.

2. The reports of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer of the funds for Church Erection, Syrian Mission and Mission in China.

3. The reports of J. S. Tibby, Treasurer of Literary Funds and of the Board of Trustees, of Central Board of Theological Seminary, Geneva College, Testimony Bearing, Aged Ministers' Fund and Widows and Orphans, Fund.

4. Report of the Mission Conference.

5. Report of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform.

6. Report of Treasurer of the Jewish Mission Board.

7. Reports of Synod's Board of Trustees and Board of Control.

8. Bills for printing of the Minutes of Synod of 1906 and for printing the order of business and report of the Board of Trustees for this meeting of Synod, and for sending of the telegram to the Presbyterian Assembly.

9. Items from various Boards and Presbyteries.

The reports of the various Treasurers come to us audited and approved by their respective Boards.

We recommend:

1. That the Treasurer of the Literary Fund be instructed to pay forty dollars to the Treasurer of the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches; two dollars and twenty-five cents for the printing of the order of business; twelve dollars and fifty cents for the printing of the report of Synod's Board of Trustees; one dollar and eighteen cents for telegram to the Presbyterian Assembly and the deficit of fifty-three dollars for the printing of the minutes of 1906.

2. That the synopses and summaries of Treasurer Walter T. Miller, and the reports of Treasurer J. S. Tibby, and of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform, and of the Treasurer of the Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association and the report of Synod's Board of Trustees be published in the Minutes.

3. That the appropriations of the Mission Conference be approved, and that $500 be appropriated to the Central Board for the cultivation of the field in Alberta, Canada.

4. That Elders W. Dougherty and A. F. Reid be elected their own successors on the Board of Control, and that Rev. J. S. McGaw be elected to succeed Rev. W. C. Allen on the same Board.

5. That the Mrs. Rachel Moelling bequest of ninety-eight dollars and fifty cents be credited to current account of Indian Mission.

6. That the Rev. J. J. McClurkin bequest of six hundred and thirty dollars be equally divided among the current funds of the Domestic and the Syrian Missions, and the Mission in China.

7. That Synod approve the action of the Board of Trustees in applying the bequest of Rev. P. H. Wylie to current accounts of funds to which it was donated.

8. That the action of last Synod in regard to the adjustment of the interest debt of the Geneva Company, Ltd., be reaffirmed, and that the unappropriated funds received from the sale of the Greensburg Church property, amounting to sixteen hundred and ninety-two dollars, and from the Salem property, amounting to one hundred and seventy-three dollars and seventy-five cents; and the proceeds of the John Gibson estate, amounting to eleven hundred and sixty-two dollars and six cents, a total sum of three thousand and twenty seven dollars and eighty-one cents, be appropriated to apply on the principal debt of four thousand dollars, and that Synod's Board of Trustees be authorized to appropriate any available funds coming into their hands during the year to the cancelling of the balance of the principal debt.

9. That J. S. Tibby and J. A. McAteer be elected their own successors, and that while we recognize the great interest of Mr. S. McNaugher, Sr., in the work of this Board, and his faithful and self-denying efforts to advance the financial interests of the Church, and his value to the Board in his efforts to secure to the Church the full value of all her property, yet in view of his long service he should be relieved of further burdens and J. H. McBurney be elected his successor.

10. That owing to the demands of the work upon him, and his personal sacrifice in devoting his whole time to the duties of this work, and in view of the large increase of more than three thousand dollars in the dividends on invested funds this last year, the salary of J. S. Tibby, Treasurer, be increased to two thousand dollars.

11. That the Treasurer of the Library Fund be authorized to publish a new edition of 500 copies of the primer new version Psalm Books and an edition of 1,000 copies of the Double Version Psalters with music.

12. That the Clerk of Synod be directed to publish 1,000 copies of the minutes of this year, drawing on the Literary Fund for the expense and that the custody and sale of the minutes be left to the Treasurer of this fund, and the price be thirty-five cents.

13. That the proceeds of the sale of the Manchester Church property, forty-three dollars, be appropriated to Brookland and Manchester Congregation to purchase additional land at the Brookland Church.

14. That the congregations of Cornwallis, Denver, and Los Angeles be put upon the Sustentation Fund for the coming year.

15. We recommend the following appropriations with the dates for congregational collections:

Literary Fund, June, second Sabbath	$1,000 00
Library Fund, Geneva College, June, fourth Sabbath	250 00
Aged People's Home, July, first Sabbath	1,000 00
Widows and Orphans, July, third Sabbath	2,500 00
Aged Ministers' Fund, August, first Sabbath	1,500 00
Students' Aid Fund, August, third Sabbath	1,500 00
Indian Mission, September, first Sabbath	4,000 00
Domestic Mission, October, first Sabbath	10,000 00
Jewish Mission, October, third Sabbath	3,500 00
Southern Mission, November, first Sabbath	4,000 00
Temperance, November, fourth Sabbath	2,000 00
Syrian Mission, December, first Sabbath	17,500 00
National Reform, January, first Sabbath	7,000 00
Theological Seminary, January, third Sabbath	2,000 00
Mission in China, February, first Sabbath	6,000 00
Testimony Bearing, February, third Sabbath	4,000 00
Geneva College, March, first Sabbath	2,500 00
Chinese Home Mission, March, third Sabbath	1,000 00
Church Erection, April, first Sabbath	4,000 00

JOHN C. SLATER,
W. W. CARITHERS,
C. D. TRUMBULL,
WM. BROWN,
A. WALKINSHAW.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America respectively beg leave to report, and in connection there-

with to submit the report of their Treasurer for the year ending May 1st, 1907.

First.—NEW MEMBERS OF BOARD AND REORGANIZATION. The persons elected at last meeting of Synod, Rev. D. C. Martin to succeed Wm. Blair, George A. McKee to succeed John A. Dodds, and Robert J. Ward as his own successor, all to serve three years ending June 15th, 1909, have accepted the positions to which they have been called. The annual reorganization of the Board was effected by the election of the officers chosen for the preceding year.

Second.—AS TO MATTERS CONCERNING WHICH YOU GAVE US INSTRUCTIONS, AT YOUR LAST MEETING. We report that the directions given have been attended to except your second item, hereinafter referred to under item 14th.

Third.—MANCHESTER CHURCH BUILDING. This building was sold for the net sum of forty-three dollars. The money is at the disposal of Synod.

Fourth.—THE GREENSBURG CHURCH PROPERTY. We gave Synod in our last report a statement, not published in Synod's Abstract Report, justifying the Board in what was done in this case. We did not sell, as some allege, the interest in this property of any other person. We simply disposed of any right or title to the property that we might or might not have for two thousand dollars, less expenses, leaving the net sum of sixteen hundred ninety-two dollars, which amount we ask Synod to make appropriation of.

Fifth.—THE SALEM CONGREGATION CHURCH PROPERTY. We report as having sold the Bellevue Branch Church Building for one hundred dollars, less expenses. Net, ninety-eight dollars and fifty cents. Subject Also the Bethel Branch Church Building for one hundred dollars, less expenses. Net, ninety-one dollars. Synod is asked to direct what use shall be made of this money.

Sixth.—THE MRS. RACHAEL MOELLING BEQUEST. We report a gift from the estate of Rachael Moelling, Clay County, Kansas, of one hundred dollars, less expenses. Net, ninety-eight dollars and fifty cents. Subject to Synod's decision as to whether this shall be used for endowment or current expenses of the Indian Mission. Action thereon is requested.

Seventh.—THE REV. J. J. McCLURKIN GIFT. The Rev. J. J. McClurkin, of New Alexanderia, Pa., during his lifetime gave to your Board certain money, conditioned upon paying him interest thereon so long as he would live, and at his death the Synod to have the residue thereof. We therefore report at this time for distribution, of this fund, six hundred and thirty dollars. The direction of the donor was that it be divided by Syond between the Home and Foreign Mission Accounts.

Eighth.—THE JOHN GIBSON ESTATE. Thirty years ago Mr. John Gibson, of New Concord, O., deceased, by his will gave certain real estate and personal property to the Synod, reserving a life interest therein to his wife, who, now being deceased, the residue of the estate, after paying such claims as your Board considered valid and also reserving two hundred dollars for future payment of legacies required by the will, leaving the net sum for distribution by Synod of eleven hundred and sixty-two dollars and six cents (1,162.06).

Ninth.—MRS. REBECCA CAMERON REAL ESTATE DONATION. This gift, made of her home property in Rochester, N. Y., was deeded to your Board some years ago, she to retain a life interest by occupancy or by the income therefrom. Mrs. Cameron's name was not to be mentioned in connection with the same during her lifetime. Now that she is deceased we are at liberty to report the terms upon which this gift was received. The property has been sold, leaving at present the net sum of sixteen hundred and thirty

three dollars and eight cents, which, in accordance with her instructions, we have appropriated as follows, viz.:

Foreign Mission Current Account	$ 816 54
Domestic Mission Current Account	408.27
Geneva College Current Account	102 07
Theological Seminary Current Account	102 07
Aged People's Home Current Account	204.13
	$1,633 08

Tenth—THE FOLLOWING FOUR BEQUESTS ARE REPORTED AS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF AS DIRECTED BY THE DONORS, VIZ.:

MRS. MARTHA GREER formerly of Pittsburgh Congregation, for Geneva College Endowment Fund. . $475 oc

Eleventh.—W. J. DODDS, WYMAN, IOWA:

Indian Mission Current Account	$200 00
Southern Mission Current Account	500 00
	$700 00

Twelfth.—HANNAH MOORE BEQUEST, BLOOMINGTON, IND.:

Southern Mission Current Account	$100 00
Indian Mission Current Account	100 00
Geneva College Current Account	50 00
	$250 00

Thirteenth.—THE SARAH J. STEEL FUND. We report that a donation was received of one thousand dollars from Judge John B. Steel and William, his father, of Greensburg, Pa., in memory of Mrs. Sarah J. Steel, to be called the "Sarah J. Steel Fund" for the benefit of Geneva College Endowment.

Fourteenth. THE SETTLEMENT OF GENEVA COLLEGE DORMITORY DEBT. This subject was referred to in our report to Synod of 1905, printed minutes, page 152, and also minutes of 1906, page 126, to which your attention in the consideration of this subject is called. Action on this item was taken at last Synod, which we do not believe can legally nor in justice be carried out. Some other equitable plan to meet the payment of this debt should, in our judgment, be adopted, which will not as you have directed, in effect, take from the other schemes and missions a large sum for the promotion of the College interests. You will recall the facts as we shall endeavor to state them. At the meeting of Synod in 1906 your Board reported per account of the treasurer that Geneva College current account had been charged four thousand and eleven dollars and thirty-seven cents for accrued interest to April 30th, 1906, on four thousand dollars loaned by the Board in the interest of Geneva College for the purpose of building a dormitory. Synod directed the Board to credit Geneva College current account with this amount ($4,011.37) and charge it to profit and loss.

In explanation of our reason for not having as yet complied with this direction, your Board would respectfully call your attention to the fact that it is the custodian of the endowment funds of the Church, every dollar of which has been given for a specific purpose, which said purpose has been

definitely stated by the donors. The $4,000.00 loaned for the benefit of Geneva College for its sole use and benefit was not taken from moneys that had been donated for College purposes, but it was taken from funds donated for the several schemes of the Church. By reference to pages 68 and 69 of 1906 minutes of Synod you will see there has been no discrimination made by the Board against Geneva College. You will there find a charge of $224.96 interest against Domestic Mission current account for average quarterly overdrafts for year ending April 30th, 1906. Central Board of Missions, when notified that this fund would be charged interest on its overdrafts, admitted at once that it was the duty of our Board to make such charge. That Geneva College current account is not so seriously affected by this charge as at first sight it seems to be is apparent when you recall that this endowment is 42.35 per cent. of the amount of the total endowment on which the April 30th, 1906, dividend was declared; 42.35 per cent. of the $4,011.37, or $1,698.82, thus goes back to Geneva College current account as its share of this dividend. Your Board, knowing that this charge would be a large one, gave the College an appropriation on current account of $824.91, the larger part of which would have been distributed among other schemes if it had not been that this interest charge, having been allowed to accumulate for so many years, had become so large. The dividend of $1,698.82 and the appropriation of $824.91 make a credit of $2,523.73, as against the $4.011.37, leaving the net charge only $1,487.64. With all due respect to Synod, your Board has not as yet been able to convince itself that it can do otherwise than it has done without violating the law as well as the trust reposed in it, as custodians of the Church's funds. That it is not within the province of the Board to thus divert funds we think cannot be denied. Is it within Synod's province or power to do so?

The following statement shows what each scheme will contribute to Geneva College current account if the $4,011.37 is closed into profit and loss account as you have directed:

	Endowment.	Per Cent.	Dividend.
Geneva College	$137,296 28	42.35	$1,698 82
Theological Seminary	61,206 19	18.88	757 35
Students' Fund	15,927 93	4.91	196 96
Foreign Mission	44,536 17	13.74	551 16
Domestic Mission	31,101 04	9.6	385 09
Southern Mission	4,556 28	1.41	56 56
Chinese Home Mission	100 00	.03	1 20
Indian Mission	1,500 00	.46	18 45
Aged Ministers' Fund	12,740 56	3.93	157 65
Widows' and J. R. McKee	7,691 06	2.37	95 07
Church Erection	3,400 00	1.05	42 12
Brooklyn, N. Y., Congregation	2,868 80	.88	35 30
Iowa Presbytery	700 00	.22	8 82
Wilkinsburg, Pa., Congregation	500 00	.15	6 02
Bible Society	50 00	.02	80
	$324,174 31	100.	$4,011 37

We would respectfully request you to rescind your action directing the Board to credit Geneva College current account with the above amount and charge same to profit and loss.

Fifteenth.—OMISSION OF 1906 COMMITTEE OF FINANCE. Under item thirteenth of our last report to you not published in the Synod's printed abstract thereof, a bequest was reported from the Rev. P. H. Wylie estate of two hundred dollars. The Synod was asked to approve of the Board's action in their application of this money to current expenditures of certain schemes named. As your committee failed to bring the matter before Synod, we ask that our action thereon be now approved.

Sixteenth.—CHARTERED CONGREGATIONS. We note an additional omission on the part of the Finance Committee of 1906, to bring before Synod for consideration what in the judgment of your Board is considered a matter of vital importance, referred to in item twenty-three of our report—item seven of Synod's abstract thereof—wherein the Board asked of Synod certain directions to congregations, in view of perfecting arrangements that Synod's claim upon church properties of disorganized congregations may be more fully guarded, and that the interests of loyal minorities in congregations where needed shall be made more secure to them and to the denomination. In view of past experience in this line, and of receiving about $3,000.00 from at least four church properties during the past year, we think it is not unreasonable to ask the coöperation of Synod, or at least to be worthy of Synod's consideration.

Seventeenth.—THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. This institution is one of the few schemes of Synod that is in debt, the Treasury being overdrawn to the extent of $525.58. The amount asked for from congregations last year by Synod was two thousand dollars, in response to which there was received $1256.46. This amount is more in proportion than was received the previous year. We ask that pastors and officers during the coming year call attention of their members to the financial wants, as well as the work accomplished and now being done by the Seminary, having in view the making up of their full quota in this cause, for which your Board ask of Synod an appropriation of $2,000.00.

Eighteenth.—LIBRARY FUND. We ask that the usual collection of five hundred dollars be ordered for the use of the Library Fund, and that this year the total sum received shall go to the credit of the Geneva College Library account.

Nineteenth.—THE DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT FUND.

The net amount of this endowment is	$157,015 73
The interest-income for the year closed is	9,105 16
The interest-income reported you last year was	8,914 57
An increase of	$100 59

The net revenue has been appropriated to the missions and other purposes, according to the conditions of the donor.

Twentieth.—THE INVESTED FUNDS. The aggregate amount of bonds, mortgages, real estate, current accounts, cash, and other assets held by your Board is five hundred and fifty-one thousand five hundred and thirty-two dollars and twelve cents ($551.532.12). Out of the earnings for the year closed the Board declared a dividend on $341,691.05 endowments of 5¼ per cent., amounting to seventeen thousand nine hundred thirty-eight dollars and seventy-eight cents ($17,938.78), which compared with fourteen thousand five hundred eighty-seven dollars and eighty-four cents ($14,587.84) for the year preceding shows an increase of three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars and ninety-four cents ($3,350.94).

Twenty-first.—BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS AUDITED. We report that the books and accounts of the Board were audited by a committee consisting of Messrs. A. C. Coulter, R. J. Ward and Samuel McNaugher, and found correct per their certificate attached to the report of the treasurer.

Twenty-second.—ELECTION OF TRUSTEES. The term for which Messrs. J. A. McAteer, Samuel McNaugher and J. S. Tibby were made members of the Board will expire this year. We therefore ask that their successors shall be chosen, by ballot, as required by law, and that the term shall be for three years ending June 15, 1910, or until their successors be regularly chosen.

Twenty-third.—DELEGATES TO SYNOD AND OTHER BUSINESS In agreement with your action as to representation at Synod, we report that J. S. Tibby has been chosen to represent the Board. For additional items omitted to shorten this report, that later on may be found to require your action, as well as any further information needed by Synod, we refer you to the representative of the Board.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board,

D. CHESNUT, *Secretary.*

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 1st, 1907.

REPORT OF JAMES S. TIBBY, TREASURER OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

GENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$141,869 63
	Bequests during year in Cash	575 00	
	Notes and other sources in Cash	13,112 80	
			13,687 80
			$155,557 43
1907.			
	Less traveling expenses Dr. W. P. Johnston in collecting same		203 10
May 1.	Balance		$155.354 33

MRS. SARAH J. STEEL FUND ENDOWMENT.

1907.		
April 19.	Gift of Judge John B. Steel and William Steel, his father, Greensburg, Pa.	1,000 00
	Interest to be credited each year to Geneva College Current Fund.	
May 1.	Balance	$1,000 00

SOUTHERN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1906.		
May 1.	Balance	$5,056 28
May 4.	Cash from sale of strip of ground for alley	125 00
1907.		
May 1.	Balance	$5,181 28

THE FOLLOWING ENDOWMENTS REMAIN UNCHANGED:

1907.		
May 1.	Theological Seminary	$64,220 69
	Students' Fund	16,236 88
	Foreign Mission	48,633 43
	Domestic Mission	31,611 30
	Chinese Home Mission	100 00
	Indian Mission	2,000 00
	Aged Ministers' Fund	12,878 52
	James and Mary Jane Carlisle Memorial Fund Aged Ministers' Fund	500 00
	Mission in China	237 50
	Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers	5,829 02
	Church Erection	3,400 00
	James R. McKee Memorial Widows and Children Deceased Ministers	2,000 00
	James R. McKee Memorial Foreign Mission	1,000 00
	Mrs. Agnes McInroy special rate of int. to donor—still living	3,000 00
	Brooklyn, N. Y., Congregation	4,867 80
	Iowa Presbytery	700 00
	Wilkinsburg, Pa., Congregation	500 00
	Bible Society	50 00
	David Gregg Bequest—not governed by dividend	157,015 73
1906.		
	Total endowment on which dividend of 5¼% has been declared	341,691 05
May 1.	Total endowment on which dividend will be declared next year	356,300 75

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST MORTGAGE ACCOUNT

1906.		
May 1.	Balance invested in mortgages	156,200 00
	Interest in mortgages during year	5,300 00
		$161,500 00
	Mortgages paid off during year	4,750 00
1907.		
May 1.	Balance invested	$156,750 00

DAVID GREGG'S ENDOWMENT BEQUEST, INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1907.			
April 30.	Interest received during year		$9,105 16
	Int. Acct. charge 5 per. cent. for handling fund	$ 455 26	
	Foreign Mission, 5 shares	2,883 30	
	Domestic Mission, 3 shares	1,729 98	
	Sustentation Fund, 1 share	576 66	
	Church Erection	576 66	
	Theological Seminary	576 66	
	Southern Mission	576 66	
	Chinese Home Mission	576 66	
	Widows and Orphans' Fund	576 66	
	Central Allegheny Ref. Pres. Church	576 66	
			$9,105 16

REGULAR MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

1906.		
May 1.	Balance invested in mortgages	$292,892 26
	Invested in mortgages during year	66,000 00
		$358,892 26
	Mortgages paid off	37,050 00
1907.		
May 1.	Balance invested in mortgages	$321,842 26

GREENSBURG, PA., CHURCH PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,798 00
May 8.	Rev. A. Kilpatrick's traveling expenses.	$ 6 00	
May 12.	Attorney fees	100 00	106 00
1907.			
May 1.	Balance for distribution		$1,692 00

BETHEL BRANCH, SALEM, PA., CHURCH PROPERTY.

1907.		
Jan. 2.	Cash, Mrs. Ella Magill, Baxter, Pa., for property	$100 00
Jan. 2.	Legal expense of same	9 00
May 1.	Balance for distribution	$91 00

BELLEVUE BRANCH, SALEM, PA., CHURCH PROPERTY.

1906.		
July 5.	Cash, Rev. D. Baldwin, Brookville, Pa., Church property	$100 00
July 10.	Legal expense of same	17 25
1907.		
May 1.	Balance for distribution	$82 75

MANCHESTER CHURCH BUILDING ACCOUNT.

1907.		
May 1.	Balance for distribution	$43 00

OFFICE FURNITURE ACCOUNT.

1907.		
May 1.	Balance unchanged	$441 78

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

1906. May 1.	Balance	$2,584 80
1907. April 30.	Interest account balance transferred ..	418 82
		$3,003 62
1906. May 9.	Returned to Brooklyn, N. Y., Congregation for handling funds	6 45
1907. May 1.	Balance	$2,997 17

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

1907. April 30.	Rent of office		$318 00
	Telephone		55 00
	P. O. stamps		30 00
	Bond of Treasurer		50 00
	Car fare		20 59
	Stationery		4 28
	Printing		22 38
	Salary, Assistant		195 00
	Salary, D. Chesnut to Jan. 1, 1907		333 33
	Salary, J. S. Tibby		1,450 00
1907. April 30.	Southern Mission Account	$185 89	
	Indian Mission Account	185 89	
	Geneva College Account	185 89	
	Theological Seminary	123 93	
	Domestic Mission	123 93	
	Testimony Bearing	61 97	
	Chinese Home Mission	74 36	
	Interest Account	1,536 72	
		$2,478 58	$2,478 58

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

1907. April 30.	Receipts, from Mortgages and Notes..	$18,360 12
	Receipts, net income from real estate...	1,071 87
	Receipts, Geneva College overdraft.....	390 83
	Receipts, Theological Seminary overdraft	163 54
	Receipts, Domestic Mission overdraft...	79 21
	Receipts, D. Gregg Account for handling funds	455 26
	Receipts, Pittsburg Presbyterian Funds for handling funds.....	8 24
	Receipts, Sundry Accounts for handling funds	3 28
		$20,532 35

Expenditures.

1907.			
April 30.	Brooklyn, N. Y., Cong. by order of Snyod	$32 50	
	Rev. R. Shield's Int. Acc't to June 29, 1906	24 00	
	J. A. McAteer, Int. due him from mortgage sale	11 16	
	Cash Donation Acc't, Int. due parties	120 68	
	W. P. M. S. Pittsburg Presbytery	9 00	
	Thos. Christison, Interest Account	5 00	
	Clyde Home Fund Interest	50 95	
	Mrs. Agnes McInroy Interest	120 00	
	Expense Account	1,536 72	
	Pittsburg Pres. Funds	164 74	
	Dividend 5 ¼ per cent. on Endowment of $341,691.05, viz:		
	Geneva College Current Account	7,448 14	
	Theological Seminary	3,371 57	
	Students' Fund	852 42	
	Foreign Mission	2,553 25	
	Domestic Mission	1,659 58	
	Southern Mission	265 44	
	Chinese Home Mission	5 25	
	Indian Mission	105 00	
	Aged Ministers' Fund	676 21	
	Widows and Orphans'	306 01	
	Church Erection	178 50	
	J. R. McKee. Acc't Widows and Orphans	105 00	
	J. R. McKee, Acc't Foreign Missions	52 50	
	Iowa Presbytery Interest	36 75	
	Wilkinsburg, Pa., Congregation Int.	26 25	
	Bible Society	2 63	
	Brooklyn, N. Y., Congregation	255 56	
	Jas. and Mary Jane Carlisle Interest	26 25	
	Mission in China	12 47	
	Contingent Account Balance transferred	418 82	
		$20,532 35	$20,532 35

CASH ACCOUNT.

1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$2,592 32
	Receipts during year		137,993 02
			$140,585 34
	Expenditures		131,714 69
1907.			
May 1.	Balance		$8,870 65

WALTER T. MILLER, TREASURER, ACCOUNT.

1907.			
April 30.	Miss Jemima Hagan Bequests, Foreign Mission		$180 57
	D. Gregg Int. Acct., Foreign Mission		2,883 30
	D. Gregg, Church Erection		576 66
	A. Alexander Bequest, Foreign Mission, 3rd payment		2,500 00
	Dividend 5¼ per cent., Foreign Mission.		2,553 25
	Dividend, 5¼ per cent., Church Erection.		178 50
	J. R. McKee, Dividend, Foreign Mission.		52 50
	J. R. McKee, Dividend, Chinese Mission.		12 47
			$8,937 25
	Remitted for above		$8,937 25

W. J. DODDS, WYMAN, IOWA, BEQUEST.

1907.			
April 30.	Cash for Indian Mission		$200 00
	Southern Mission		500 00
			$700 00
	Indian Mission Current Account	$200 00	
	Southern Mission Current Account	500 00	
			$700 00

MRS. REBECCA CAMERON, ROCHESTER, N. Y., DONATION.

1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$2,474 73
1906.			
Aug. 16.	Domestic Mission Current Account	$824 91	
	Theological Seminary Current Account	824 91	
	Geneva College	824 91	
			$2,474 73

MRS. REBECCA CAMERON, ROCHESTER, N. Y., REAL ESTATE DONATION.

1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,531 13
	Interest received		101 95
			$1,633 08
	Foreign Mission Current Account	$816 54	
	Domestic Mission Current Account	408 27	
	Aged People's Home Current Account	204 13	
	Geneva College	102 07	
	Theological Seminary Current Acct	102 07	
			$1,633 08

ANDREW ALEXANDER BEQUESTS, THIRD PAYMENT.

1907.		
April 20.	Sustentation Fund	$2,000 00
	Foreign Mission	2,500 00
	Southern Mission	1.000 00
	Indian Mission	500 00
		$6,000 00

1907.			
April 20.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Foreign Mission	$2,500 00	
	Sustentation Fund Current Account....	2,000 00	
	Southern Mission Current Account	1,000 00	
	Indian Mission Current Account.....	500 00	
			$6,000 00

ESTATE, JOHN GIBSON, DECEASED, NEW CONCORD, OHIO.

1906.			
May 1.	Balance due us	$169 85	
	Receipts.		
	Residue of Estate per J. R. Wilson, Exec.,		$715 52
	Rents		66 66
	Insurance sold		8 75
	Cash Mrs. Jamison sale of property.....		1,400 00
			$2,190 93
1907.	*Expenditures.*		
April 30.	Taxes	$12 11	
	Claims against the Estate	568 44	
	Commission on sale of property	29 40	
	Traveling expense of J. S. Tibby.....	8 05	
	Legal service	41 02	
1907.			
May 1.	Balance for distribution (less $200.00 in reserve for unknown heirs)	1,632 06	
			$2,190 93

JAMES CARLISLE BEQUEST, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$58 04
	Walter T. Miller Treas., China Mission	$58 04	

REV. D. J. SHAW DONATION.

1907.			
May 1.	Balance due us	$65 71	

MAGGIE McCREA McCAUGHAN BEQUEST, OLATHE, KAS.

1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,154 16
1906.			
Aug. 10.	Domestic Mission Account	$577 08	
	Southern Mission Account.	577 08	
			$1,154 16

CHAS. McILROY BEQUEST, SPARTA, ILL.

1906.			
May 1.	Balance due us	$1 35	
1907.			
Jan. 11.	Legal service	25 00	
1907.			
May 1.	Balance due us	$26 35	

JEMIMA HAGAN BEQUEST, CINCINNATI. OHIO.

1906.				
May 1.	Balance			$361 14
1906.				
Aug. 10.	Domestic Mission Current		$180 57	
Aug. 10.	Foreign Mission Current		180 57	
				$361 14

MRS. RACHEL MOELLING BEQUEST, CLAY COUNTY, KANSAS.

1906.				
Nov. 2.	Cash per H. G. Copeland, for Indian Mission			$100 00
1906.				
Oct. 29.	Certified copy Will		$1 50	
1907.				
May 1.	Balance for distribution		98 50	
				$100 00

REV. CHAS. CLYDE HOME FUND.

1906.				
May 1.	Balance			$1,297 52
1907.				
April 30.	Average Interest to May 1, 1907			50 95
				$1,348 47
1906.				
July 11.	Taxes for 1906			30 47
1907.				
May 1.	Balance			$1,318 00

SOUTH CAROLINA CEMETERY LOT REPAIRS.

1907.				
May 1.	Balance			$12 25

W. P. M. S. PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

1907.				
May 1.	Balance			$200 00

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT.

1907.				
May 1.	Balance Current Account			$336 23
	Balance Education Fund			827 15
	Balance Endowment Fund			2,350 00
				$3,513 38

DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS, RECEIVING INTEREST DURING LIFE OF DONOR.

1907.		
May 1.	Thos. Christison, Guthrie, Wis.	$100 00
	Rev. Robt. Shields, Almonte, Canada	1,400 00
	Cash Donation	2,000 00
	Mrs. Agnes McInroy	3,000 00
		$6,500 00

REV. J. J. McCLURKIN DONATION, N. ALEXANDRIA, PA.

1907.		
May 1.	Cash received to be divided between Home and Foreign Mission Current Accounts	$630 00

DOMESTIC MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1907.	*Receipts.*		
April 30.	From Congregation	$7,128 30	
	Bequests	1,990 83	
	D. Gregg Int. Account	1,729 98	
	Endowment Int. Account	1,659 58	
			$12,508 69
1906.	*Expenditures.*		
May 1.	Balance overdrawn	$918 85	
	Paid Appros. by Synod in full to Apr. 1, 1907, viz:		
	Colorado Presbytery	$2,152 50	
	Illinois	1,373 33	
	Iowa	963 42	
	Kansas	1,899 50	
	New York	532 50	
	Nova Scotia	826 00	
	Pittsburgh	855 00	
	Ohio	1,559 16	
	Rev. H. H. George preaching and expenses E. Craftsbury, Vt.	69 50	
	Rev. J. F. Crozier, preaching and expenses E. Craftsbury, Vt., to March 1, 1907	299 98	
	Rev. T. Slater, preaching and expenses, Content, Canada	78 00	
	Rev. Wm. McFarland, preaching and expenses, Content, Canada, to May 1, 1907	363 54	
	Legal service East Craftsbury, Vt.	3 00	
	Telegram and Phone	1 12	
	Fairgrove, Mich., Appro.	60 00	
	A. C. Coulter for services	50 00	
	Interest account on overdraft to May 1, 1907	79 21	
	Superior Neb. Cong. Complaint	37 50	
	Expense Account	123 93	
			12,246 04
1907.			
May 1.	Balance on hand		$262 65

INDIAN MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1906.				
May 1.	Balance on hand			$3,096 88
1907.	*Receipts.*			
April 30.	From Congregations		$2,906 90	
	W. P. M. S. Pittsburgh Presbty.		805 26	
	Receipts by Rev. W. W. Carithers		1,706 14	
	A. Alexander Bequest, 3d payment		500 00	
	Dividend 5¼% on Endowment $2,000 00		105 00	
	W. J. Dodds Bequest, Wayman, Iowa		200 00	
				6,223 30
				$9,320 18
1907.	*Expenditures.*			
April 30.	Paid Rev. W. W. Carithers, expense of Mission, supplies and cattle.		$4,701 97	
	Railroad expense of teachers		160 16	
	Securing title to Mission land		28 00	
	Rev. D. R. Taggart, for preaching at Mission		150 00	
	Rev. A. Kilpatrick, for preaching at Mission		25 00	
	Rev. W. J. McKnight, for preaching at Mission		25 00	
	Rev. Jas. McCune, for preaching at Mission		105 00	
	Rev. W. J. McBurney, for preaching at Mission		85 00	
	J. S. Tibby, Psalm Selection		3 47	
	Expense account for handling funds		185 89	
	Insurance		94 00	
	Salaries		2,855 78	
				8,419 27
1907.				
May 1.	Balance on hand			$900 91

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1907.	*Receipts.*			
April 30.	Congregations		$1,256 46	
	Mrs. R. Cameron, cash donation		824 91	
	Mrs. R. Cameron, real estate donation		102 07	
	D. Gregg, dividend to May 1, 1907		576 66	
	Dividend 5¼% on endowment $64,220 69		3,371 57	
				$6,131 67
1906.				
May 1.	Balance overdrawn		$1,968 46	

Expenditures.

1907.			
April 30.	Salaries to June 1, 1907	$4,400 00	
	J. S. Tibby, Psalm books	1 32	
	Interest on overdraft to May 1, 1907	163 54	
	Expense Account for handling funds	123 93	
			6,657 25
1907.			
May 1.	Balance overdrawn		$525 58

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

1906.		
May 1.	Balance	$1,177 57

Receipts.

1907.		
April 30.	Congregations	199 09
		$1,376 66

Expenditures.

1907.			
April 30.	Books, magazines, etc	$60 96	
	Geneva College Library Account	199 99	
			260 05
1907.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,116 61

STUDENTS' FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1906.		
May 1.	Balance	$172 97

Receipts.

1907.		
April 30.	Congregations	$689 56
	Dividend 5¼% on endowment $16,236 88	852 42
		$1,714 95

Expenditures.

Paid per order Synod's Board of Control viz.:

1906.			
Nov. 15.	Walter C. McClurkin	$105 00	
	Elmer Russell	150 00	
	Ernest C. Mitchell	50 00	
	Robert E. Wilson	115 00	
	R. E. Piper	100 00	
	S. G. Finney	115 00	
	W. O. Ferguson	50 00	
	D. B. Elsey	150 00	
	J. D. Edgar	115 00	
	W. A. Aiken	125 00	
	O. F. Thompson	115 00	
	A. A. Wylie	100 00	
			1,290 00
1907.			
May 1.	Balance		$424 95

MEMORIAL BUILDING RENT ACCOUNT.

1906. May 1.	Balance		$4,477 23
1907. April 30.	Rent received		800 00
			$5,277 23
1907. April 30.	Repairs, gas bills, taxes		398 03
1907. May 1.	Balance		$4,879 20

AGED MINISTERS' FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1906. May 1.	Balance		$662 62
	Receipts.		
1907. April 30.	Congregations	$802 92	
	Dividend 5¼% on endowment $12.878 52	676 21	
	Dividend James and Mary Jane Carlisle endowment	26 25	
			1,505 38
			$2,168 00
	Expenditures.		
1907. April 30.	Rev. Wm. M. George, per order Synod 1906	$250 00	
	Rev. J. R. Baird. per order Board Control	350 00	
	Rev. D. S. Faris, per order Board Control	300 00	
	Rev. J. M. Armour, per order Board Control	300 00	
	Rev. J. C. K. Faris, per order Board Control	300 00	
			1,500 00
1907. May 1.	Balance		$668 00

FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1906. May 1.	Balance		$859 21
	Receipts.		
1907. April 30.	Congregations	$958 95	
	D. Gregg dividend	576 66	
	Dividend 5¼% on endowment $5,829 02	306 01	
	Dividend J. R. McKee Memorial	105 00	
			1,946 62
			$2,805 83

Expenditures.

1907.			
April 30.	Mrs. R. Johnston	$200 00	
	Mrs. Marg. Lawson	150 00	
	Miss J. H. Cameron	100 00	
	Miss E. M. Cameron	100 00	
	Mrs. S. I. Clyde	350 00	
	Miss E. R. Williams	150 00	
	Mrs. Susan Love	50 00	
	Mrs. M. A. McMillan	50 00	
	Mrs. Nancy Reid	125 00	
	Mrs. B. T. Dodds	75 00	
	Mrs. J. O. McClurkin	150 00	
	Miss Anna George	100 00	
	Mrs. K. E. Smith	75 00	
			1,675 00
1907.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,130 83

SOUTHERN MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$2,816 01

Receipts.

1907.			
April 30.	Congregations	$3,515 86	
	For East Selma School	65 50	
	Mrs. M. A. McCaughan Bequest	577 08	
	D. Gregg Dividend	576 66	
	Dividend on endowment $5,056 28	265 44	
	A. Alexander Bequest, 3d payment	1,000 00	
	Rent Supt. Home	100 00	
	Rent Pleasant Grove	50 00	
	Knox Academy Tuition Account	475 64	
	W. J. Dodds Bequest	500 00	
			7,126 18
			$9,942 19

Expenditures.

1907.			
April 30.	East Selma School	$60 50	
	Piano	141 35	
	Advanced to Rev. J. G. Reed for general expenses	100 00	
	Expense Account for handling funds	185 89	
	Travelling expenses, Teachers	253 83	
	Salaries	5,018 46	
	Mrs. S. R. Willis, Treas., money returned	25 00	
			5,785 03
1907.			
May 1.	Balance		$4,157 16

CHINESE HOME MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1906. May 1.	Balance		$709 07
	Receipts.		
1907. April 30.	Congregations	$757 08	
	D. Gregg Dividend	576 66	
	Dividend on Endowment $100.00	5 25	
			1,338 99
			$2,048 06
	Expenditures.		
1907. April 30.	Hall Rent	$250 00	
	Traveling expenses, Rev. W. C. Allen	37 60	
	Salary, Rev. W. C. Allen to May 1, 1907.	508 33	
	Dr. Wallace	50 00	
	Expenses Account	74 36	
			920 29
1907. May 1.	Balance		$1,127 77

SUSTENTATION FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1906. May 1.	Balance		$4,478 23
	Receipts.		
1907. April 30.	Congregations	$1,755 10	
	D. Gregg Dividend	576 66	
	A. Alexander Bequest, 3d payment	2,000 00	
			4,331 76
			$8,809 99
	Expenditures.		
1906. June 8.	Paid Appropriations by 1906 Synod, as follows, viz.:		
	Barnet, Vt., Congregation	$261 00	
	2d Boston Congregation	800 00	
	Coldenham Congregation	300 00	
	Kansas City Congregation	500 00	
	Lochiel Congregation	150 00	
	Mercer Congregation	140 00	
	Muskingum and Tomica Congregation	300 00	
	Rehoboth, Iowa, Congregation	300 00	
	Slippery Rock Congregation	300 00	
	Syracuse Congregation	600 00	
	West Hebron Congregation	450 00	
	White Lake Congregation	300 00	
			4,401 00
1907. May 1.	Balance		$4,408 99

TESTIMONY BEARING CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1906. May 1.	Balance		$435 34
	Receipts.		
1907. April 30.	Congregations		$1,608 95
			$2,044 29
	Expenditures.		
1907. April 30.	Printing	$145 45	
	Postage	20 47	
	Salary, Rev. W. J. McKnight	200 00	
	Salary, Rev. A. J. McFarland	1,200 00	
	Expense Acc't for handling Funds	61 97	
	Traveling Expense, Rev. W. J. McKnight.	43 50	
	Expense Account for hadling fund	61 97	
			$1,793 99

GENEVA COLLEGE CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1907. May 1.	Balance		$250 30
	Receipts		
April 30.	Congregations	$1,117 71	
	Mrs. R. Cameron, Cash Donation	824 91	
	Mrs. R. Cameron, Real Estate Donation.	102 07	
	Rent of Chapel	150 00	
	Tuition	775 00	
	Interest from Notes	230 32	
	Dividend 5¼% on endowment $141,869 63.	7,448 14	$10,648 15
	Expenditures.		
1907. April 30.	Prize—Board of Trustees	$25 00	
	Insurance	156 00	
	Taxes	35 52	
	Traveling expenses	8 80	
	Interest to May 1st, 1907, on overdraft.	390 83	
	Printing	4 00	
	Expense Acc't for handling funds	185 89	
	Salaries	10,710 00	$11,516 04
1906. May 1.	Balance overdrawn		$8,970 14
1907. May 1.	Balance overdrawn		9,838 03

GENEVA COLLEGE LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1906. May 1.	Balance	$233 66
	Receipts	199 09
		$432 75

Expenditures.

1907. April 30.	Magazines, Binding books	98 50
1907. May 1.	Balance	$334 25

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Trustees of the Synod to audit the accounts of James S. Tibby, Treasurer, would respectfully report that we have examined the accounts, Mortgages and other securities, Cash in bank and find same correct as per report to 1907 Synod.

A. C. COULTER,
R. J. WARD,
S. MCNAUGHER.
Auditors

Pittsburgh, Pa., May, 1907.

BALANCE SHEET.

Total amount of Endowments	$516,316 48

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.

Greensburg Church Property Account	1,692 00
Manchester Church Property Account	43 00
Contingent Account	2,997 17
Salem Church Property Account. Bethel Branch	91 00
Salem Church Property Account, Bellevue Branch	82 75
Thomas Christison Donation	100 00
Rev. J. J. McClurkin Bequest	630 00
Cash Donation	2,000 00
Rev. R. Shields Bequest	1,400 00
Estate John Gibson, deceased	1,362 06
Mrs. Rachael Moelling Bequest	98 50
Rev. C. Clyde Home Fund	1,318 00
South Carolina Cemetery Lot Repairs	12 25
W. P. M. Pittsburg Presbytery	200 00
Pitts. Presbytery Current Account	336 23
Educational Account	827 15
Interest Account	2,350 00
S. S. Convention Fund	13 91

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

Indian Mission	$900 91
Theological Seminary Library	1,116 61
Students' Fund	424 95
Memorial Building, Rent Account	4,879 20
Aged Ministers' Fund	668 00
Domestic Mission	262 65
Fund Widows and Children Dec. Ministers	1,130 83
Southern Mission	4,157 16
Chinese Home Mission	1,127 77
Sustentation Fund	4,408 99
Testimony Bearing	250 30
Geneva Library	334 25

ASSETS.

D. Gregg Mortgage Account	$156,750 00	
Regular Mortgage Account	321,842 26	
Real Estate	52,157 47	
Office Furniture	441 78	
Cash	8,870 65	
Theological Seminary	525 58	
Geneva College	9,838 03	
Geneva College Dormitory Account	967 00	
Rev. D. J. Shaw	65 71	
Chas. McIlroy	26 35	
Sundries	22 29	
Real Estate Donations	25 00	
	$551,532 12	$551,532 12

SYNOPSIS OF THE REPORT OF TREASURER, WALTER T. MILLER, FROM MARCH 28TH, 1906, TO APRIL 1ST, 1907.

SYRIAN MISSION FUND.

The Receipts have been:	
From Congregations	$8,256 96
From Sabbath-schools and Missionary Societies	3,051 03
From Individuals and Bequests	1,531 75
From Dr. A. R. Dray, refund of part of money remitted him for outfit, etc., July 12th, 1905	100 00
From Bequest of Jennie Hagen	180 57
From Trustees of Mansfield O., Congregation, from proceeds of the sale of their church property	500 00
From Estate of Andrew Alexander, second payment of executrix, Mrs. Andrew Alexander Murtland, through Trustees of Synod	2,500 00
From Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation No. 2, by Trustees of Synod	367 90
From Rev. P. H. Wylie Bequest, by Trustees of Synod	50 00
From Mrs. Jane Allsworth Bequest, by Trustees of Synod	522 03
From David Gregg Endowment Fund Dividend, by Trustees of Synod	2,822 95
From Dividend Invested Funds, by Trustees of Synod	1,959 12
From Dividend J. R. McKee Memorial, by Trustees of Synod	45 00
From Bequest of Hannah Moore, of Bloomington, Cong., deceased	100 00
From Young People Second New York Congregation, salary of their Missionary, Rev. Walter McCarroll	500 00
From Women of Second New York Congregation, for Mountain Schools	372 50
Through Olive Trees.	
From Young Women of the Reformed Presbyterian Church	114 10
From Pastors of the Reformed Presbyterian Church	70 00
From Elders of the Reformed Presbyterian Church	19 00
Transferred from Temporary Investment Fund, as directed by Synod	15,096 49
Transferred from Memorial Thank-offering Fund	118 52
Transferred from Memorial Thank-offering Fund (specially for Tarsus)	14 50

Transferred from Memorial Thank-offering Fund (specially for Suedia)	33 30
Transferred from Memorial Thank-offering Fund (specially for Latakia)	105 00
Transferred from Memorial Thank-offering Fund (specially for Cyprus)	77 00
Total Receipts	$38,507 72

The Expenditures have been:

For Salaries	$11,573 19
For Mission Expenses, acct. Latakia	3,626 35
For Mission Expenses, acct. Tarsus	3,985 44
For Mission Expenses, acct. Cyprus	1,602 46
For Mission Expenses, acct. Suedia	4 85
For Special Contributions, acct. Latakia	608 24
For Special Contributions, acct. Tarsus	70 00
For Special Contributions, acct. Cyprus	349 50
For Special Contributions, acct. Suedia	128 65
For Shipping Expenses	367 32
For Small Items (Stationery)	4 00
For Outfit, acct. Rev. J. Boggs Dodds	100 00
For Outfit, acct. Miss Zada Patton	160 00
For Outfit, acct. Rev. A. J. McFarland	400 00
For Medical Supplies, acct. Cyprus	3 40
For Medical Supplies, acct. Latakia	171 69
For Medical Examination Rev. A. J. McFarland and wife	2 00
For Travelling Expenses Rev. R. C. Montgomery to Board Meetings	7 50
For Travelling Expenses Rev. J. Boggs Dodds, from Sterling, Kas., to Latakia and Suadia	227 59
For Travelling Expenses Davida and Lulu Dodds, daughters of R. J. Dodds, from Tarsus to Beaver Falls, Pa	504 84
For Travelling Expenses Rev. A. J. McFarland and family and Miss Zada Patton from Sterling, Kas., to Latakia	683 65
For Travelling Expenses Rev. R. J. Dodds and family from Mersine to New York, remitted on account	500 00
Total Expenditures	$25,080 67
The Excess Receipts over Expenditures being	$13,427 05
Deducting Debit Balance of March 28th, 1906, of	9,537 07
Leaves a Credit Balance this date of	$3,889 98

SYRIAN HOSPITAL FUND.

Cr.

May 5. 1907.	By Balance as reported to Synod	$2,937 15
May 5.	By Cash, Contributions received to date from Congregations, Individuals, Miss'y Societies and S. S. for general purposes of hospital	200 25
	By Cash, Contributions received to date from Individuals, S. S. and Miss'y Societies for support of beds	330 00
	By Cash, Interest earned to date	88 00

Dr.

1906.				
June	6.	To Cash, paid bill Montgomery Ward & Co.....	$3 69	
Sept.	7.	To Cash, paid Brown Bros., for Demand Bill £51.13.0, @ $4.84.....	250 00	
Oct.	29	To Cash, paid bill Montgomery Ward & Co.....	79 78	
1907.				
Jan.	25.	To Cash, paid Brown Bros., for Demand Bill for £50, @ $4.86.....	243 00	
May	3.	To Cash, paid Brown Bros., for part Sterling Demand Bill £51.7.9, @ $4.86½	250 00	
May	5.	To Balance carried down.....	2,728 93	
			$3,555 40	$3,555 40

Cr.

1907.			
May	5.	By Balance brought down.....	$2,728 93

BUILDING FUND, LARNACA.

Cr.

1906.			
May	5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	$54 00

Dr.

1906.				
Oct.	1.	To Cash paid Montgomery Ward & Co.	$29 25	
		To Cash, paid Montgomery Ward & Co., Freight	9 25	
Oct.	6.	To Cash, paid Keith & Co., Architect Book	1 00	
1907.				
May	5.	To Balance carried down	14 50	
			$54 00	$54 00

Cr.

1907.			
May	5.	By Balance brought down	$14 50

TARSUS BUILDING FUND.

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Cash, Contributions received to date:		
	From Congregations		$545 02
	From S. S. and Missionary Societies		1,124 88
	From Individuals		1,076 50
	From Wm. Steele of Third Phila. Cong., if whole sum raised without this, then same is to be credited to most needy Foreign Field		200 00
	From Mrs. H. M. Johnston, of Hopkinton, Ia., on fulfillment of a voluntary offer to pay the last $500 of the $2,000, asked for, to provide for the payment for the ground and a building thereon in Tarsus, Turkey, for the use of the Tarsus Mission, of the Ref. Pres. Church		500 00

Dr.

1907.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down	$3,446 40	
		$3,446 40	$3,446 40

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down		$3,446 40

D J SHAW MEMORIAL FUND

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod		$1,272 70
Nov. 13.	By Interest earned to date		12 91

Dr.

1906.			
May 25.	To Cash, paid Brown Bros., for Sterling Bill, £100, @ $4.82½	$482 25	
Nov. 19.	To Cash paid Montgomery Ward & Co., for Building Material	316 17	
Nov. 19.	To Cash paid Montgomery Ward & Co., for Freight, etc., on above goods	167 02	
Nov. 20.	To Cash paid Brown Bros., for Sterling Bill £65.16.3 @ $4.86½	320 17	
		$1,285 61	$1,285 61

MARTHA CUNNINGHAM MEMORIAL FUND.

Cr.

1906.		
Sept. 1.	By Cash, from Ladies Miss'y Society, of Illinois Presbytery, Memorial to the	

	Memory of the late Martha Cunningham, the devoted Miss'y at Suadia, Syria, by the vote of the above L. M. S., and to be expended in the furtherance of the work in that place and in remembrance of her noble words at the Synod of 1905. "If the Synod gives up this work, I will go back and carry it on at my own expense."		$46 08

Dr.

1907. May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$46 08	
		$46 08	$46 08

Cr.

1907. May 5.	By Balance brought down.....	$46 08

TARSUS-MERSINE HOSPITAL FUND.

Cr.

1906. May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	$371 77

Dr.

1907. May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$371 77	
		$371 77	$371 77

Cr.

1907. May 5.	By Balance brought down.....	$371 77

MISSION IN CHINA.

The Receipts have been:	
From Congregations	$3,005 97
From Sabbath-schools and Missionary Societies.....	1,087 11
From Individuals and Bequests.....	995 17
From Colorado Presbytery, salary their Missionary, Dr. Kate McBurney	600 00
From First Philadelphia Congregation, through their Missionary Society, salary their Missionary, Dr. Jean McBurney....	250 00
From Third Philadelphia Congregation, salary their Missionary Dr. J. M. Wright.....	1,000 00
Transferred from Harry Lanphear Memorial, salary its Missionary Rev. Julius A. Kempf	450 00
Transferred from Memorial Thank-offering Fund for China...	1,375 14
Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation No. 2, by Synod's Board of Trustees	183 95
Bequest of James Carlisle	58 04
Bequest of Jennie B. Torrence, late of Tak Hing Chau, China..	231 28
Bequest of Hannah Moore, of Bloomington Congregation....	50 00
Trustees of Mansfield, O., Congregation from the proceeds of the sale of their church property	500 00
Total Receipts	$10,236 66

The Expenditures have been	
For Salaries	$5,183 95
For Shipping Expenses	10 94
For Mission Expenses	319 98
For Special Contributions	473 32
For Traveling Expenses, Rev. R. C. Montgomery to Board Meetings	7 50
Total Expenditures	$5,995 69
The Excess of Receipts over Expenditures being	$4,240 97
Added to Credit Balance of March 28th, 1906, of	5,804 74
Leaves a Credit Balance this date of	$10,045 71

BUILDING FUND, MISSION IN CHINA.

Cr.

1906.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod		$2,644 38
Dec. 31.	By Cash, Mrs. B. F. McKnight, of Keister, Pa.		5 00
1907.			
May 5.	By Interest earned to date		79 35

Dr.

1907.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down	$2,728 73	
		$2,728 73	$2,728 73

Cr.

1907.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down	$2,728 73

DISPENSARY FUND, HOSPITAL IN CHINA.

Cr.

1907.			
May 5.	By Cash, contributions received to date		$56 00
	Balance carried down		294 95

Dr.

1906.			
May 5.	To balance as reported to Synod	95	
Dec. 3.	To cash, paid Brown Bros., part letter of credit, No. 671, for $1,000 00	$350 00	
		$350 95	$350 95

Dr

1907.		
May 5.	To Balance brought down	$294 95

DR. J MAUDE GEORGE HOSPITAL FUND.

Cr.

1906. May	5.	By balance as reported to Synod.....		$545 00
1907. May	5.	By interest earned to date.....		$16 35
		Dr.		
1907. May	5.	To balance carried down.....	$561 35	00
			$561 35	$561 35
		Cr.		
1907. May	5.	By balance brought down.....		$561 35

NEW STATION IN CHINA FUND, OF DRS. KATE AND JEAN M'BURNEY.

Cr.

1906. May	5.	By balance as reported to Synod.....		$528 55
1907. May	5.	By interest earned to date.....		$15 75
		Dr.		
1907. May	5.	To balance carried down.....	$544 30	
			$544 30	$544 30
		Cr.		
1907. May	5.	By balance brought down.....		$544 30

HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND

Dr.

1906. May	5.	To Balance as reported to Synod.....	$927 06	
Nov.	28.	To Cash, paid Montgomery Ward & Co.,	20 49	
		Cr.		
1907. May	5.	To Balance brought down		$947 55
			$947 55	$947 55
		Dr.		
1907. May	5.	To Balance brought down		$947 55

NEW STATION IN CHINA.—DO SHING.

Cr.

1906. May	5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	$7,839 24
1907. May	5.	By Interest earned to date.....	235 16

Dr.

1907.				
May	5.	To Balance carried down.....	$8,074 40	
			$8,074 40	$8,074 40

Cr.

1907.			
May	5.	By Balance brought down.....	$8,074 40

ISABELLA STEWART MARTIN MEMORIAL FUND.

Cr.

1906.			
May	15.	By Cash, from Mr. Henry Martin, Memorial of Mrs. Isabella Stewart Martin, for the work of the Mission in China	$5,150 00
1907.			
May	5.	By Interest earned to date.....	154 50

Dr.

1907.				
May	5.	To Balance carried down	$5,304 50	
			$5,304 50	$5,304 50

Cr.

1907.			
May	5.	Bv Balance brought down	$5,304 50

DAVID OLIVER BROWN MEMORIAL FUND.

Cr.

1906.			
May	5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....	$1,428
1907.			
May	5.	By Interest earned to date	42 65

Dr.

1907.				
May	5.	To Balance carried down	$1,470 65	
			$1,470 65	$1,470 65

Cr.

1907.			
May	5.	By Balance brought down	$1,470 65

LANPHEAR MEMORIAL FUND.

Cr.

1906.			
May	5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....	$4,530 00
Nov.	30.	By Cash, Mrs. Harry Lanphear, additional contribution, terms, etc., same as covering contribution of June 8, '05	600 00
1907.			
May	5.	By Interest earned to date.....	141 00

Dr.

1906.				
Oct.	1.	To Transfer to Mission in China Fund, on account salary Rev. J. A. Kempf..	$150 00	
1907.				
April	1.	To Transfer to Mission in China Fund, half year's salary Rev. J. A. Kempf...	300 00	
May	5.	To Balance carried down	4,821 00	
			$5,271 00	$5,271 00

Cr.

1907.			
May	5.	By Balance brought down	$4,821 00

MEMORIAL THANK-OFFERING FUND, FOR LATAKIA, TARSUS, SUEDIA, CYPRUS, FOREIGN AND CHINA.

Cr.

1906.			
May	5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....	$1,657 46
1907.			
April	1.	By Contributions received to date for China	53 50
		By Contributions received to date for Foreign	12 50

Dr.

1907.				
April	1.	To Transfer to Mission in China Fund	$1,375 14	
		To Transfer to Syrian Mission Fund	118 52	
		To Transfer to Mission (for Suedia)	33 30	
		To Transfer to Mission (for Latakia)	105 00	
		To Transfer to Mission (for Tarsus)	14 50	
		To Transfer to Mission (for Cyprus)	77 00	
			$1,723 46	$1,723 46

FUND RECEIVED TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT DISCRETION OF TREASURER.

Cr.

1906.			
May	5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	$53 27

Dr.

1906.				
Dec.	10.	To Cash, paid B. C. Linstrom & Co., for Surgical Instruments for new China Hospital.....	3 20	
1907.				
May	5.	To Balance carried down.....	50 07	
			$53 27	$53 27

Cr.

1907.			
May	5.	By Balance brought down.....	$50 07

TEMPORARY INVESTMENT.

Cr.

1906. May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		$15,096 49

Dr.

1906. Aug. 20.	To Transfer to Foreign (now called Syrian) Mission Fund, as directed by Synod	$15,096 49	
		$15,096 49	$15,096 49

CHURCH ERECTION FUND.

Cr.

1906. May 5.	By Balancee as reported to Synod....		$3,296 86
1907. May 5.	By Cash, from Congregations		1,267 64
	From S. S. and Miss'y Societies		27 89
	From Individuals and Bequests		185 86
	From Trustees of Mansfield, O., Congregation, return of loan appropriation		500 00
	From Trustees of Mansfield Congregation		800 00
	From Dividend D. Gregg Endowment Fund		576 66
	From Dividend Invested Funds by Synod's Board of Trustees		178 50

Dr.

1906. Dec. 11.	To Cash, paid appropriation to Los Angeles Congregation	$1,000 00	
1907. May 5.	To Balance carried down	5,833 41	
		$6,833 41	$6,833 41

Cr.

1907. May 5.	By Balance brought down		$5,833 41

E. & O. E.
New York, May 5th, 1907.

Audited and found correct.

WALTER T. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

H. O'NEILL,
J. J. MACKEOWN,
Committee.

REPORT OF R. C. WYLIE, FINANCIAL AGENT FOR NATIONAL REFORM.

1906.				
May 1.	Balance			$867 76
	Collected by H. H. George	$ 33 62		
	Collected by T. P. Stevenson	315 00		
	Collected by T. H. Acheson	1,842 59		
	Collected by J. R. Dill	1,074 59		
	Collected by J. M. Wylie	237 75		
	Collected by J. M. Foster	174 04		
	Collected by J. S. Martin	127 00		
	Sent direct to Treasurer by Individuals, Societies and Congregations	4,658 88		
			8,463 47	
			$9,331 23	

Expenses.

Rent of Office	$190 00	
Rent of Telephone	18 47	
Salary of Bookkeeper	300 00	
Postage, Expressage, Telegrams, etc.	349 41	
Bills of Printing	1,689 62	
Salaries and expenses of Secretaries	5,639 29	
Miscellaneous expenses	45 40	
	$8,232 19	
Balance	1,099 04	
		$9,331 23

The above statement has been compared with the books, which have been audited and found correct.

D. C. Martin,
James S. Tibby,
Auditing Committee.

May 17th, 1907.

REPORT OF JAMES S. TIBBY, TREASURER LITERARY FUND.

Receipts.

On hand May 1, 1906	$1,183 29	
Contributions from Congregations	453 89	
Sale of Testimonies and Disciplines	33 05	
Sale of Psalm Books	488 70	
Sale of Psalm Selections	37 90	
Sale of Old Minutes	1 60	
Sale of 1906 Minutes	266 10	
Sale of Miss. Books	9 65	
Sale of C. U. Topic Cards	9 75	
		$2,483 93

Expenditures.

Rent Safe Deposit Box	$5 00	
Printing 1906 Minutes	288 90	
Postage, Expressage, Cartage on same	30 20	
Postage on Books	57 48	
Apportionment Presbyterian Alliance 1906	40 00	
Advertising	12 00	
Insurance on Plates	22 68	
Expenses of Rev. T. H. Acheson to C. R. Synod	17 70	
Printing 1906 Order of Business and Cut	5 00	
Printing C. U. Topic Cards	7 00	
Type Writing Report Finance Comm. 1906 Synod	1 00	
Printing 5000 Copies Psalm Selections	93 00	
Printing 1500 copies each old and new version Psalms	610 00	
Balance on hand May 1, 1907	1,293 97	
		$2,483 93

During the year 5,000 copies of Psalm Selections. 1,500 copies each of Minion old and new version Psalm books were printed.

The supply of Primer new version Psalm books and Double version Psalters is entirely exhausted. I await your instructions as to ordering a new edition.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. TIBBY, *Treasurer.*

The above statement has been compared with the books, which have been audited and found correct.

D. CHESNUT,
GEO A. MCKEE
Auditors

Pittsburg, Pa., May 21, 1907.

PRINTING AND SALE OF 1906 MINUTES.

The Treasurer of Literary Fund would report that there were 1,000 copies of the Minutes of 1906 printed.

Expense for Printing	$288 90	
Freight and Postage	30 20	
	$319 10	
Copies sold, 887	266 10	
Copies free. 22		
909		
Deficit	$53 00	

JAMES S. TIBBY, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF JEWISH MISSION BOARD.

May 1st, 1906, to April 30th, 1907.

Dr.

Balance reported to last Synod	$353 08	
Congregations, Receipts from	1,294 68	
Sabbath-schools and Societies	633 48	
Individuals and Bequests	669 47	
Special Contributions	41 00	
First (1st) Dividend (41%) from "City Trust"	72 66	
Interest on Deposit	12 35	
James Tibby, Treasurer, Receipts through	288 49	
		$3,365 21

Cr.

Salaries:			
Rev. G. M. Robb to 1-1-1907	$800 00		
Mr. E. J. Feuersohn to 5-1-1907	790 00		
Miss Mary F. Bell to 5-1-1907	280 00	$1,870 00	
Medical Department		44 78	
Sewing School		30 31	
Repairs to Mission Building		93 18	
General Expenses		354 33	
Balance on hand		972 61	
			$3,365 21

Respectfully submitted
S. A. S. METHANY, M.D., *Treasurer.*

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing account is a condensed statement taken from the itemized account in the book of the Treasurer, which we have examined and found correct.

J. C. McFEETERS,
WILLIAM G. CARSON.
Auditors.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 19, 1907.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF R. P. WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION.

Receipts

Balance March 1, 1906		$1,429 29
Wardrobe Committee Room	$31 00	
Thank Offering Room	27 00	
Elizabeth Wylie Room	250 00	
Cash through Members	1,105 19	
Congregational Collections	467 59	
Managers' Contingent Fund	12 50	
Interest	592 10	
Membership Dues	212 00	
Building Fund	125 00	
Mrs. Grier Bequest	475 00	
Mrs. Rebecca Brown Bequest	91 97	
Donation Mansfield Congregation	500 00	
Current Expense	627 84	
Admission Fees	400 00	4,917 19
		$6,346 48

Expenditures.

Gregg Room	$20 00	
Interest to Members	119 26	
Managers' Contingent Fund	13 50	
Interest	600 00	
House Supplies	1,117 92	
Salary	627 00	
Funeral Expenses	182 00	
Current Expense	592 26	$3,271 94
Balance February 28, 1907		3,074 54
		$6,346 48
Total Invested Fund secured by Bond & Mtge.....	$5,400 00	
Balance March 1, 1907.....		$5,400 00

ANNETTE G. WALLACE, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the treasurer's accounts for the year ending March 1, 1907 and find the same to be correct as per statement above.

OLIVER WYLIE,
T. S. TRUMBULL.
Committee.

The Clerk cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for J. S. Tibby, J. A. McAteer and J. H. McBurney as members of Synod's Board of Trustees for the term ending June 15th, 1910.

D. Chesnut tendered his resignation as a member of Synod's Board of Trustees. By a unanimous vote he was requested to withdraw his resignation.

NECROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Reports received, and after a memorial address by T. P. Stevenson and prayer by C. D. Trumbull, they were adopted and are as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEATH OF REV. J. R. BAIRD.

Rev. James Robertson Baird, whose death occurred March 9th, 1907, was born at Lanark, Ontario, April 23d, 1828. When he came to manhood he joined the Free Masons, but upon his conversion he withdrew from them—to quote his own language—because he "could not be a Free Mason and a Christian."

He connected with the Wesleyan Methodist Church and studied for the ministry at Ottawa and Toronto; was licensed to preach by the Conference of Rochester, N. Y., March 12th, 1860; was ordained by the same Conference, May 4th, 1864; was pastor at Jasper, N. Y., 1864-66; at Westfield and Clymer, N. Y., 1866-67; at Green Center, Ohio, 1867-69; at Napoli, N. Y., 1869-70. From 1870-76, he was employed as lecturer by the National Christian Association in opposition to Secret Societies, in which position he rendered efficient service; was pastor at Sandy Lake, Pa., 1876-78; Shellhammer and Templeton, Pa., 1878-80.

He acceded to the United Presbyterian Church, June 10th, 1881, and preached as a supply for about three years; was pastor of Brockway and Fremont, Mich., 1884-88; afterwards supplied in Canada and New York State.

He connected with the Covenanter Church, May, 1892, being received by the Pittsburg Presbytery, and preached for some time as a supply. For several years before his death he lived as "retired" at Indiana, Pa., where he died.

As a preacher Mr. Baird was earnest and forceful, being gifted with a peculiar unction in prayer. As a Christian he was humble and sincere. As a man he was manly and brave; patient and Christianlike under trial, especially the trials consequent to his seceding from Masonry. He was thoroughly imbued with Covenanter principles and as occasion offered was fearless and faithful in disseminating and defending them, which he did with ability. He was a peculiar man, almost to eccentricity, and was accustomed to utter grand truths in his own peculiar and quaint way; e. g., the following expression to a member of this committee: "I do not see how an honest and honorable man will be able to look the Lord Jesus Christ in the face in heaven if while on earth he was voluntarily identified with a constitution of government which ignores and rejects Him in His royal authority and law and thus places the nation in an attitude of rebellion against Him." Words potential in character and which we do well to place upon the "records" of this court as a tribute to the memory of the man who uttered them and also as a lesson for the "generations following." We have every reason to believe that our brother was "faithful unto death" and has "received the crown of life."

J. F. Crozier,
A. Kilpatrick,
J. C. Fry,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF THE REV. HENRY EASSON.

Henry Easson was born at Dunblane, Scotland, but through the emigration of his parents in his infancy came to be reared in America, Delaware county, New York.

He was educated in the public schools there, the Delaware Institute, and in Union College almost to graduation. Theology he studied in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary, Allegheny, Pa. Before completing his theological course he was chosen to go to the Foreign Mission field, where the work was pressing and the call urgent. He was licensed and ordained by the Pittsburg Presbytery, October 12th, 1872. In November of that year he sailed for Syria with his wife, having married Miss Mary J. Beebe, and together they served the Church in the foreign field for a period of twenty years. Of five children born to them only one daughter survives. He was a loving and devoted husband and father.

As a preacher he was neither eloquent nor popular; but he was earnest and Scriptural. A glowing patriotism characterized him, which led him to serve his country on the field during the Civil War, and led him likewise to ever utter a faithful testimony against her sins, and against the irreligious character of her Constitution.

Though he doubtless had his faults, and we would not wish to give an opposite impression in regard to any mere man, yet his life might be briefly characterized as gentle, quiet, noble.

His lamented death, which occurred February 14th, 1907, was occasioned

by an apopletic stroke, after which he lingered only two days. He has entered upon his reward. His devotion to the mission and the preaching of the Gospel should stimulate others to greater earnestness and fidelity.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. Dodds,
R. M. Sommerville,
R. J. George,
Geo. W. Walker.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF REV. J. J. McCLURKIN.

John Johnston McClurkin, son of Elder John and Elizabeth (Park) McClurkin, was born near Rocky Creek, Chester District, S. C., June 6th, 1813; educated in his native district, and advanced to the junior class in Columbia College, S. C.; then entered the Indiana University and graduated in the class of 1836. Meanwhile the family moved to Illinois and settled in Elkhorn Prairie, where a congregation was organized, and under Rev. S. McKinney and Rev. Wm. Sloan he studied theology and was licensed to preach the Gospel by Illinois Presbytery, April 6th, 1841, and attended Allegheny Theological Seminary one session.

June 2d, 1843, he was ordained by Illinois Presbytery Pastor of Princeton and Walnut Ridge, Ind. He was released from the first, May 22d, 1849, and from Walnut Ridge, April 10th, 1851. He then preached as Missionary in Southern Illinois two years. He became Pastor of Springfield and Greenville, Pa., in the bounds of Pittsburg Presbytery, September 8th, 1854, and was released, October 14th, 1873.

For seven years he preached as a supply. From August, 1880, to March 13th, 1884, he was pastor of Garrison Creek, Ind. From 1885 he labored as stated supply in Clarksburg, Pa., seven years, when he retired from stated service and lived in New Alexandria, Pa., where he died, February 28th, 1907.

His latter end was peace. A few days before he died he said, "This is my last sickness. My work is done here. I will soon be away." Thus he departed full of joy.

Mr. McClurkin was a devoted and faithful minister of Christ, and a firm defender of the principles of the Covenanting Church. He was unmoved through all the defections of his day, and said even when those dear to him changed their views, "I stand where I have always stood." He proved his love to the Church by a considerable bequest of his moderate possessions to continue his work after his death.

His piety was unquestionable. He indulged much in religious conversation and continued to visit families and talk with them after his retirement. His life was exemplary. A diligent student of the Scriptures, he always prepared his discourses with great care.

He suffered from bodily infirmity and sorrow from bereavement, but persevered through all in his labors.

After a long life of above 93 years he has gone to his reward; we cannot doubt but that he has been welcomed into the joy of his Lord.

D. S. Faris,
R. J. Gault,
John Ewing.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF REV. D. J. SHAW.

David Jameson Shaw, son of James and Susannah Shaw, was born in Knockbracken, County Down, Ireland, May 14th, 1821. He received his early education in Belfast, Ireland. With his parents he came to America and

settled near New Alexandria, Pa., in 1832. He pursued his studies in the Academy of Elder's Ridge, and later at Northwood, Ohio, where he graduated from Geneva College in 1853. Meanwhile he studied theology and was licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Lakes Presbytery, April 12, 1854. He was ordained and installed as pastor of Bloomington Congregation, Indiana, by the Illinois Presbytery, May 22, 1856. He continued in a very successful pastorate for over thirty-five years, till he resigned his charge in September, 1891, and returned to New Alexandria. During the remainder of his life he continued to preach as he had opportunity and ability, in the meantime having been stated supply for one year at Clarksburg, Pa.

He fell asleep in Jesus, February 11th, 1907.

Mr. Shaw was a plain, practical and eloquent preacher. By his study of the Scriptures and his comprehension of their spiritual meaning he was able to preach the Word with power and discrimination. He practiced what he preached. He honored the Lord with his substance while he lived, and left his property to various schemes of the Church at his death. He died in good old age, in confident expectation of entering into the rest of Christ.

J. C. K. Faris,
D. B. Willson,
R. M. Dean,

J. M. Wylie was appointed the Moderator's alternate to preach the sermon at the opening of next Synod.

The Committee on Railroad Rates was reappointed.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved. That when Synod adjourn it be to meet in the Third Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Wednesday, May 27th, 1908, at 2 P. M.

That the Mission Conference meet in the same place, the same day, at 9 A. M.

That Synod returns sincere thanks to pastors and people of congregations in Allegheny, Pittsburg, East End, Wilkinsburg and elsewhere, for kind and generous hospitality and cordial welcome during the sessions of Synod; to the managers of the Aged People's Home for the reception and visit to the Home so much enjoyed; and to such railroads as were able to grant reduced fare.

The minutes were read and approved.

Synod adjourned with prayer by W. J. Coleman, the singing of the 133d Psalm and the Benediction by the Moderator, to meet in the Third Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Wednesday, May 27th, 1908, at 2 P. M.

Thomas McFall, *Moderator.*
R. C. Montgomery, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

A resolution relating to the indoctrination of the children and youth of the Church was at the last Synod referred to the Committee on the State of Religion. The resolution states that "there is a neglect of this work in some congregations and a lack of uniformity in method generally." The necessity for a system of catechetical instruction which shall give a thorough acquaintance with the cardinal truths of Christianity and with the distinctive principles of the churches is recognized by different denominations. This is especially necessary in the Covenanter Church. The unique place which we occupy in the family of churches renders it absolutely necessary to our existence and usefulness that we carefully instruct the children and youth in her distinctive principles.

It is also recognized that any system of instruction confined to distinctive principles, however vital to the world's evangelization, would not of themselves develop the character which we may be most desirous to produce. There must also be given thorough instruction in the Word of God. Everyone must have noticed the difference between a statement of doctrine as it may be found in a canon or confession and the same doctrine as stated in the Scriptures. Bible truth as seen in the Scriptures appears as we see timber in a forest when the trees are graced with foliage, the confession presents it as material squared and fitted for the building. The student of nature may see the beauty of the woodland, but it requires a lumberman to tell us how many houses could be erected from the trees. Christ has committed to wise master-builders the erection of His Church, and instruction must be given that the succeeding generations may know how to use the material which God has provided.

We should not, however, imagine that the only use to be made of the great body of truth as stated in the Word of God is to analyze it and construct from it beautiful and harmonious systems of faith. It is to be contemplated and admired for its beauty as it appears before us. The human soul needs the grace and beauty with which the Scriptures set forth some of the most severe truths. Listen to Paul as he states the doctrine of God's eternal decree: "What if God, willing to show His wrath, and to make His power known, endured with much long-suffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction." God's very mercy and love shine forth in his reluctant manifestation of judgment; yet we need also the clear-cut statement in order to instruct us in the application of these truths. The framing of catechisms and confessions is one of the methods by which the Holy Spirit guides us into all truth: His using the investigations of others as a means of our instruction. A proper combination of instruction in the Bible as a whole and in the cardinal truths of Christianity, and the distinctive principles of the Reformed Presbyterian Church will almost if not entirely remedy the evils of which we complain in the low state of religion. Some of these conditions have been pretty accurately described by Gipsy Smith, who gives it as his opinion that in America "church members are moral but not spiritual, refined but not godly." The evangelization of the world is not their business. The atmosphere of the Church, he says, "is educational and high-toned but not convincing or converting."

There is also to be recognized a condition of instability. The obligations of Church relationship are recognized as little if any more binding than the ties of acquaintanceship or of social fellowship. In fact many form and also change their ecclesiastical relationship for purely social reasons. This condition must be changed if the Church is to exist and if the world is to be re-

deemed. There is not any one method that will suffice for this cure, but we believe that there is one course which if diligently and prayerfully followed will transform the entire Church. It consists in securing thorough acquaintance with the Word of God and a comprehensive knowledge of our distinctive principles. The former will fill us with love and zeal for the extension of the kingdom of God in the world, and the latter will give us rules by which to direct our efforts. Bible study will give us comprehensiveness; distinctive principles will enable us to apply this knowledge to our times. We have almost numberless systems of Bible study. Some are based on wrong conceptions of the Scriptures. Even under the title "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth" we find an analysis of Scripture that assigns one portion to the Jew, another to the Gentiles, and a third to the Church of God. Many precious promises which we have been accustomed to appropriate, we are told, do not belong to us. This is only one of many ways of perverting the truth. Some methods are too comprehensive, others too analytical. The Bible should be known as God has written it and it is believed that a course of study by books can be so arranged that we will have presented to us the Bible as a whole, and the place and purpose of each book in its relation to the whole, thus giving an attractive and instructive course of study. The need for such a course of study has been expressed in many quarters.

The Young People's movement demands it. That movement is entering on a second stage of its existence. Dr. Work says, "It is true the Bible has been more in the hands of our young people of this generation than of any other. It is also true that the method of using the Bible in vogue in these organizations has not been as a rule promotive of real interest in the Scripture. The expression of the Christian life through testimony and organization has been until now the dominant issue. The need of the solidification of study is only beginning to appear." To these words of Dr. Work we may add the utterances of a Scotch clergyman, Rev. Wm. McLaren. Speaking before the Colorado State C. E. Union he said: "The Bible story was written to produce Christ in the heart and we should study this story as it is written by the Spirit of God. Christian experience divorced from the Bible will be imaginative and often dangerous. Even prayer without reading the Bible is often illusion. Christian life hangs on experience and this experience depends on the Bible story and this story is found in the whole Bible. The truths of the Word depend in almost every case on the context."

The Sabbath-school though good as a missionary agency fails as a method of indoctrination. It does not educate its members in a knowledge of the Book.

"It has produced no intensive education in the Bible, neither has it created by its methods of study a widespread feeling of interest and enthusiasm." Religious education in the Sabbath-school has not kept pace with secular education either as to ideal or method. The Bible is not the book of the home as it once was, and the pulpit. whatever new elements of strength it has discovered, it is very evident that its strength is not so manifestly the strength of the Word of God as it once was."

Our prayer meeting subjects consist in the discussion of topics rather than the unfolding of the Word as it stands related to the context. The Church is not interesting the people enough in the chief instrument of its life. "The problem of bringing the Word of God to the world, and bringing the world to the Word of God is that which overtops any other." When this problem has been solved we may expect the Church to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and Christ's royal claims recognized. Critical unbelief will then lose its power and those numerous systems of darkness which live upon half truths will vanish before the light of life.

We recommend the following:

First—That two parallel courses of study be prepared for use in the Sabbath-schools of the Church; one course to furnish a comprehensive and

attractive study of the Bible by books; the other to provide a system of catechetical instruction to be used as supplemental lessons.

Second—That a central committee be appointed to outline a plan for these courses of study and to invite qualified Bible expositors to prepare studies on such portions of Scripture as shall be assigned them by this committee.

Third—The catechetical system shall consist of a graded series of catechisms consisting of those already in use in our Church and other churches, and of such systems of instruction as may be prepared or adopted by this committee or by any special committee or committees which may be appointed by this Synod.

J. M. Wylie,
D. O. Jack,
H. H. George,
C. M. Smith,
J. H. Braum,
J. M. Henning.

REPORT OF REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

The Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association would respectfully report that the work of the past year, the tenth in the history of the Aged People's Home, called for twenty-eight meetings—four regular and two called meetings of the Association, four regular and three called meetings of the Directors, and twelve regular and three special meetings of the Board of Managers.

The work of the various committees has been attended to promptly and faithfully.

Since our last report, one name has been added to the membership of the Home, Mr. William Kerr, of Elizabeth, Pa., and one has been called away by death, Mrs. Mary Ann Stewart, of McKeesport, Pa.

During the ten years of our existence thirty-one persons have been received into the Home and fourteen have passed from this earthly home to their Eternal Home.

Sabbath services have been held in the Home as often as possible, and prayer meeting every Wednesday evening, led by the students, ministers and elders in the vicinity of the Home. The members of the Home seem to appreciate these privileges and some of the covenanter families who live near are quite regular in their attendance at these services, giving help and encouragement by their presence.

Our Matron, Miss N. J. Ewing, who has been with us from the beginning, and has ever been faithful, always working for the best interest of the Home, has withdrawn from the work on account of illness. At a meeting of the Board of Managers held in the Home, March 6th, Miss Etta Jamison, of New Concord, was elected as Matron, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Ewing. Miss Love is still with us as helper.

On our Annual Donation and Reception Day many substantial gifts were given by the friends who visited the Home.

We are grateful to the editors of the Church papers and the Pittsburgh press, who have contributed free copies of their papers during the year. We

desire also to express our appreciation of the willing service of the physicians, ministers and students which have brought joy and comfort to the members of the Home.

We are glad to report the addition of three honorary members and nine life members of the Association.

During the past year we realized the necessity of having a larger building, also of locating nearer the car line, so have purchased property at the corner of Perrysville avenue and Burgess street. The Building Committee, Mrs. W. M. Hice, Mrs. J. M. Allen and Mrs. Annette G. Wallace, have had plans prepared for a new building consisting of thirty-two rooms. These plans were submitted to and approved by Synod's Board of Trustees, and the building will be started as soon as possible.

At the last meeting of the Association action was taken directing the Finance Committee to use the money received from the Porterfield Estate for the payment of the mortgages on the new Home property, but as we are contemplating the erection of a new building and about to assume the debt of the same, we would again ask for an appropriation of $1,000. The congregations have shown their increased interest in the Home by their collections, which were almost one hundred dollars more this year than last.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. J. Ward, *Secretary.*

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1907.

COLORADO.

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath-school Attendance	Young People's Society Attend.	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Canon City	H. B. McMillan	412½ Main St., Canon City, Colo	2	2	1	3	12	..	40	...	18	7	200	6	9	5	.....	...	1	6	2	...	...	263	149	666
Denver	J. C. French	445 South Grant Ave., Denver, Colo	4	4	19	8	51	1	70	25	12	112	....	...	13	...	.....	...	.....	15	11	...	...	700	595	1,458
Evans		J. F. Beattie, La Salle, Colo.	4	4	6	*60	65	2	80	24	172	299	84	26	21	23	8	14	17	106	9	11	6	890	408	2,094
Greeley		W. S. Wylie, 11th Ave., Greely, Colo	3	3	49	...	49	..	52	25	50	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	...	†1213	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	267	1,530
La Junta	Sam'l Edgar	La Junta, Colo	4	3	11	11	70	2	100	28	135	68	50	30	15	33	17	20	18	54	15	5	8	750	550	1,768
Los Angeles	P. J. McDonald	906 E. 28th St., Los Angeles, Cal	3	2	9	2	39	2	34	15	35	10	33	8	10	7	5	8	§4538	9	6	5	8	450	335	5,467
Santa Ana	Geo. N. Greer	Santa Ana, Cal	4	1	12	...	47	..	49	20	24	14	51	35	6	4	7	7	389	15	5	4	3	525	145	1,23
Seattle	T. M. Slater	1805 Bellevue Ave., Seattle, Wash	6	5	17	6	100	‡4	143	30	138	55	139	37	28	34	33	55	46	86	37	14	23	1,075	18,86	3,680
Oakland Chinese Mission	W. C. Allen	1343 Broadway, Alameda, Cal	....	..	...	...	25	..	12	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
.....	T. H. Acheson	Wilkinsburg, Pa	....	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. M. Armour	Seattle, Wash	....	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
.....	James I. Frazer	1715 E. Spring St., Seattle, Wash	....	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	....	...	....	....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. K. Robb	Tak Hing Chau, China	....	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. M. Wylie	Greeley, Colo	....	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 8	No. of Ministers, 12	Totals,	30	24	122	90	458	11	580	167	584	565	557	142	102	106	70	104	6222	291	85	39	48	4,653	43,35	17,90

‡One adult Baptism. *47 certified to organize the Greeley Congregation. †$1,200 paid for church lot. §$4,538 paid for new church.

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											Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Bethel	S. J. Johnston	Sparta, Ill.	4	3	17	5	61	0	65	0	87	18	17	9	12	5	11	19	41	12	8	4	5	300	694	1,242
Old Bethel		Cor. L. M. Patterson, Baldwin, Ill.	3	4	6	21	120	4	95	...	92	32	37	22	30	20	10	7	7	42	16	4	7	739	319	1,384
Church Hill	W. S. Fulton	Coultervill, Ill.	5	3	12	5	71	..	40	16	17	4	27	48	13	4	2	8	....	4	2	2	1	296	238	666
Oakdale	M. A. Gault	Oakdale, Ill.	6	6	6	9	177	4	210	...	78	14	36	42	14	17	12	8	82	27	11	6	7	900	379	1,683
Staunton		Mathew Williamson, Livingstone, Ill.	2	2	...	1	23	0	.....	...	26	12	14	6	5	6	8	...	.....	12	...	3	4	300	184	580
Bloomington	G. R. Steele	503 E. 3rd Street, Bloomington, Ind.	5	4	4	2	105	2	200	25	224	538	42	122	115	114	44	17	9	75	10	5	8	800	465	2,558
Princeton	D. C. Mathews	738 E. State Street, Princeton, Ind.	4	4	1	0	66	0	55	16	184	71	113	57	71	44	22	50	44	56	42	20	25	a 700	443	1,942
St. Louis	M. M. Pearce	4630 Page Ave., St Louis, Mo.	3	4	5	5	44	0	60	10	55	48	24	12	16	...	4	11	6	24	7	3	5	840	1,060	2,110
(b) Selma	S. F. Kingston	511 Union St., Selma, Ala.	5	3	6	4	89	..	150	...	...	....	....	....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	372	122	494
	E. A. Crooks	College Springs, Iowa	....	..	...	...	...	..	....	...	....	....	....	....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
	D. S. Faris	Sparta, Ill.	....	....	...	...	....	..	....	...	....	....	....	....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
	J. G. Reed	Selma, Ala.	....	....	...	...	....	..	....	...	....	....	....	....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 9	No. of Ministers, 10	Totals	37	33	57	52	756	10	875	67	768	732	310	318	276	210	83	120	189	252	96	47	62	5,247	3,904	12,609

a And Manse. b Estimated.

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Chicago	Robert Clarke	686 East 65th St., Chicago	3	1	10	7	59	..	107	20	135	5	5	5	5	...	5	...	.....	80	5	5	5	700	1,013	1,968
Lake Reno	J. R. W. Stevenson	Glenwood, Minn., R. F D	3	5	6	16	89	2	76	...	65	17	15	12	22	10	5	2	3	20	3	3	5	600	317	1,099
Hickory Grove	.....	D. C. Nichol, Albia, Iowa	2	2	...	5	24	2	35	...	18	4	20	4	5	4	7	4	.....	5	4	4	3	.....	234	316
Morning Sun, Ia	C D. Trumbull	Morning Sun, Iowa	7	3	5	15	146	3	140	21	346	185	194	162	55	37	15	34	764	44	23	12	15	1,000	1,888	4,774
Rehoboth	J. A. Black	Wyman, Louisa Co., Iowa	3	2	2	12	35	1	30	...	242	30	72	66	69	25	18	10	7	30	8	8	9	500	310	1,404
Sharon	J. S. McGaw	Morning Sun, Ia , R. D	7	4	5	12	190	7	200	48	557	171	297	170	200	81	36	69	158	78	71	32	22	1,000	985	3,927
Washington	.....	I. R McHenry, Washington, Ia	3	3	...	5	70	..	....	...	55	24	9	110	69	7	7	9	6	42	5	5	4	496	710	1,558
Vernon	Henry M. George	Waukesha, Wisconsin	2	3	2	6	35	1	45	...	75	12	37	16	13	11	7	14	10	25	16	6	8	500	56	806
Hopkinton	.....	T. J. Joseph, Hopkinton, R. D	....	..	10	20	97	..	....	...	....	....	....	...	....	...	.....	...	.....	....	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. M. Littlejohn	.....	....	..	...	...	....	..	....	...	....	....	....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....
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No. of Coogregations, 9	No. of Ministers, 7	Totals	30	23	40	98	745	16	633	89	1,493	448	649	545	438	175	100	142	948	324	135	75	71	4,796	5,513	15,852

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA

Barnesville	.....	W. J. Curry, Barnesville, Kings Co., N. B.	3	..	....	1	27	..	30	...	.....	.....	30	..	...	....	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	200	40	270
Cornwallis	Thomas McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	2	..	....	2	64	..	27	...	46	15	69	10	6	17	10	....	10	1	1	6	6	400	50	647
St. John	James T. Mitchell	91 Spring St., St. John, N. B.	2	..	....	1	27	..	25	...	12	.....	7	..	...	....	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	600	165	784
No. of Congregations, 3	No. of Ministers, 2	Totals,	7			4	118		82		58	15	106	10	6	17	10		10	1	1	6	6	1,200	255	1,701

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Beulah		Adam Walkinshaw, Bostwick, Neb.	3	2	3	8	95	4	80	25	35	32	14	5	23	5	5	5	34	9	6	3	2	615	194	98
Billings	W. C. Paden, S. S.	Billings, Okla.	5	4	1	3	61	1	65	20	33	13	24	8	39	...	5	8	8	40	11	3	...	555	172	91
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers, S. S.	Apache, Okla.	2	2	3	3	95	a12	195	...	90	310	46	18	79	17	7	25	25	30	30	5	8	.....	104	79
Clarinda	J. W. Dill	Clarinda, Iowa	5	4	1	6	166	5	240	40	233	81	140	151	38	21	19	23	254	28	47	13	15	800	656	2,51
Denison	Delber H. Elliott	Denison, Kans.	5	5	9	3	100	3	110	30	158	42	57	32	26	61	22	20	15	50	18	6	4	700	314	1,52
Eskridge	James McCune	Eskridge' Kans., Box No. 295	5	3	6	3	86	2	100	...	75	29	23	68	66	38	4	...	202	22	22	6	5	718	299	1,56
Hebron		A. Copeland, Idana, Kans.	4	2	1	...	57	3	73	...	14	26	27	13	12	11	7	13	8	22	12	7	8	.....	640	82
Holmwood	Robt. A. Paden	Mankato, Kans., R. F. D. No. 3	2	2	...	8	32	2	40	...	43	9	22	4	9	3	7	...	106	4	2	5	2	163	60	43
Kansas City		D. G. McKee, 932 Main St., Kas. City, Mo	5	3	5	8	57	b1	60	30	52	21	40	35	9	8	5	11	396	28	7	6	5	350	559	1,53
Long Branch	J. M. Johnston	Blanchard, Iowa	5	6	9	12	141	13	125	10	191	23	20	18	21	17	23	18	236	15	40	12	16	800	208	1,65
Olathe	Geo. A. Edgar	Olathe, Kans.	5	5	9	13	151	3	171	31	215	128	158	98	132	44	85	36	883	107	20	14	10	900	2890	5,72
Quinter		J. J. McElroy, Quinter, Kans.	3	4	4	4	53	3	50	...	31	15	24	13	16	6	11	16	15	8	6	4	5	.....	442	61
Sterling	J. Boggs Dodds	Sterling, Kans.	4	3	21	8	116	12	108	69	250	41	51	21	41	23	41	32	59	47	55	8	8	.....	1320	1,99
Superior	W. T. K. Thompson	Superior, Neb.	4	c3	13	4	40	1	50	16	66	20	51	9	9	7	4	6	65	10	16	3	3	415	88	77
Tabor	S. E. Greer	Miltonvale, Kans.	4	3	12	3	60	10	65	18	44	20	35	10	13	3	6	13	16	20	11	4	5	400	269	86
Topeka	W. W. Wilson	13 W. Costilla St., Colorado Springs, Colo.	2	..	6	3	48	2	60	25	53	10	49	9	5	6	4	6	106	15	4	1	3	482	229	98
Wahoo		Jno. Birnie, Wahoo, Neb.	2	2	...	4	29	1	50	...	7	4	39	2	3	2	3	2	.....	3	...	5	9	94	111	28
Winchester	D. H. Coulter	Winchester, Kans.	7	4	9	8	224	2	....	...	455	250	145	67	69	94	16	50	228	58	56	8	8	1000	1125	3,62
	A. J. McFarland	Latakia, Syria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Isaiah Faris	Denison, Kans.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Geo. R. McBurney	Quinter, Kans.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	J. Ralston Wylie	College Springs, Iowa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Wahoo, Neb.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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No. of Congregations, 18	No. of Ministers, 17	Totals,	72	57	112	101	1611	80	1642	314	2045	1074	965	571	610	366	274	284	2656	516	363	113	116	7992	9680	27,62

c Elect. Adults, a 2; b 1.

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Barnet	D. C. Faris	Box 38, R. F. D. No. 4, Groton, Vt.	4	2	...	2	60	..	90	...	99	74	42	13	15	12	15	14	12	19	10	6	7	460	193	991
First Boston	Samuel McNaugher	40 Dana St., Cambridge, Mass.	5	7	13	12	223	6	100	50	137	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	740	5	.....	.....	...	1,800	1,183	3,865
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	44 S. Russell St., Boston, Mass.	3	7	6	4	68	4	50	..	142	27	11	10	10	4	8	6	4	25	30	5	4	1200	766	2,252
Bovina	W. G. Robb	Bovina Centre, Delaware Co., N. Y.	5	3	1	5	64	2	63	...	80	43	50	21	14	17	10	17	275	22	17	5	8	800	205	1,584
Brooklyn	John C. Slater	707 Greene Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	5	5	3	3	56	2	35	18	92	35	71	29	42	31	12	35	299	55	69	9	15	1,050	509	2,353
Cambridge	G. W. Benn,	54 Fayette St., Cambridge, Mass.	3	3	2	7	47	1	66	30	25	.....	55	...	.....	.....	.....	...	311	20	.....	...	...	800	274	1,485
Coldenham	Thomas Patton.	Montgomery, N. Y	5	4	2	3	57	..	50	...	10	17	16	7	22	2	3	8	2	3	3	7	2	a 400	300	802
Craftsbury	J. F. Crozier, S. S.	East Craftsbury, Vt.	...	..	...	...	c53	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kortright		Wm Orr, South Kortright, N. Y.	2	1	...	...	20	..	9	...	22	31	12	...	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	185	c 286
First Newburgh	John W. F. Carlisle	Newburgh, N. Y.	2	2	12	11	167	43	110	85	293	67	20	62	38	34	.....	...	2,300	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500	800	5,114
Second Newburgh	J. R. Thompson	Newburgh, N. Y	2	4	8	8	160	11	100	...	60	.....	75	...	.....	20	.....	...	200	25	.....	.....	.....	1,200	923	2,503
Second New York	R. M. Sommerville	325 W. 56th St., New York City	6	8	4	25	259	2	212	36	1,654	209	321	118	123	...	108	29	332	209	..	25	..	3,000	2,680	8,808
Third New York	F. M. Foster	345 W. 29th St., New York City	9	3	16	15	177	4	160	...	401	81	75	27	37	28	29	34	25	24	47	18	17	2,500	2,557	5,900
Fourth New York		Robert McAfee, 55 Ann St., N. Y.	4	6	1	4	90	5	50	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	1,080	715	1,800
Ryegate		R. H. Gates, South Ryegate, Vt.	2	1	1	1	17	..	.....	...	43	9	17	11	10	8	15	2	1	14	7	3	...	.....	86	226
Walton	R. C. Reed	Walton, N. Y.	3	5	2	2	105	..	109	...	150	140	53	72	18	19	9	23	20	27	17	10	17	b 900	229	1,704
West Hebron	T. A McElwain	West Hebron, Washington Co., N. Y.	3	1	...	1	27	1	18	...	25	10	12	6	5	4	9	12	5	6	6	3	5	325	182	615
White Lake	J. H. Pritchard	White Lake, Sullivan Co., N. Y.	4	2	1	...	58	..	30	...	44	16	41	10	22	13	7	8	9	6	10	9	6	500	255	956
.....	S. R Wallace	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	A. I. Robb	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Julius Kempf	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	T. A. Rusk.	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	W. M. George	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Walter McCarroll	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 18	No. of Ministers, 21	Totals,	67	66	72	103	1708	41	1252	234	3,277	759	871	386	378	192	225	188	4,535	479	216	100	81	17,515	12,042	41,244

a And Parsonage. b $100 Donation. c Estimated from last year's report. d One Adult.

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Belle Center	S. G. Shaw	Belle Center, O.	3	0	3	1	45	0	40	14	140	18	61	18	19	14	5	7	228	5	9	7	3	512	187	1,233
Bellefontaine	J. M. Faris	109 North Park St., Bellefontaine, O.	3	0	2	0	37	0	25	...	31	11	36	10	8	10	7	9	7	7	6	4	4	300	161	611
Cedar Lake	C. McLeod Smith	Ray, Ind.	3	4	1	4	125	3	105	20	110	18	35	20	19	16	5	...	5	45	17	2	...	800	528	1,620
Cedarville	W. J. Sanderson	Cedarville, O.	3	0	7	5	48	1	45	15	52	16	48	14	10	11	7	13	11	13	12	4	5	450	110	776
Cincinnati	D. O. Jack	424 Hopkins St., Cincinnati, O.	3	4	3	2	57	2	75	22	74	15	38	24	17	...	7	13	198	36	14	...	...	1,000	615	2,051
Hetherton	E. G. Elsey	Hetherton, Mich.	3	3	0	0	56	0	50	...	63	13	58	13	9	11	14	8	10	9	6	4	4	241	240	703
Fairgrove		J. S. Wylie, Fairgrove, Mich.	3	2	...	0	30	1	25	...	...	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	130	49	211
Jonathan's Creek		J. C. George, White Cottage, O.	3	2	1	1	37	0	40	...	39	23	20	10	10	8	9	16	17	10	5	5	9	450	25	656
Londonderry		J. E. Morrison, Londonderry, O.	4	0	0	2	25	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	195	23	218
Muskingum and Tomica		James Stitt, Frazeysburg, O.	2	0	0	1	16	1	0	0	4	4	8	4	3	1	1	3	2	2	3	0	0	135	58	228
New Concord	A. A. Samson	New Concord, O.	5	5	3	5	92	3	46	32	73	17	41	20	20	11	8	10	20	26	9	4	8	800	300	1,367
North Salem		W. P. Adams, Kimbolton, O.	...	...	...	...	5	..	...	...	...	...	2	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Southfield	H. G. Patterson	Birmingham, Mich.	4	6	0	6	70	0	60	...	65	42	35	10	24	6	15	8	68	13	12	5	6	734	277	13,20
United Miami	R. Hargrave	Bellefontaine, O., R. F. D. No. 4	7	6	9	8	133	3	105	50	188	107	82	63	48	19	17	20	69	19	18	9	14	800	401	1,880
Utica	R. A. Blair	Utica, O.	2	5	3	6	81	4	35	25	300	78	28	75	18	13	12	9	260	22	14	3	7	800	550	2,189
	W. J McBurney		...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Louis Meyer	22 Solon Place, Chicago, Ill.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
No. of Congregations, 15	No. of Ministers, 12	Totals,	48	37	32	41	857	18	651	178	1139	362	521	289	207	120	107	118	895	207	128	47	60	7,347	3,524	15,071

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Adamsville & Middletown	J. G McElhinney	Karns City, Pa., R. D., 74	4	1	11	4	45	2	40	....	28	2	30	6	21	2	11	2	1	.....	4	1	5	500	225	838
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	Allegheny, Pa., 1205 Boyle St	7	..	8	3	145	2	150	40	475	171	241	62	297	97	114	90	910	107	69	29	38	2,000	899	5,599
Bear Run and Mahoning	E. M. Elsey	Glencampbell, Pa	5	..	1	2	54	..	50	20	52	20	13	25	16	5	6	10	450	2	12	4	11	500	m148	1,274
Rehoboth	E. M. Elsey	Glencampbell, Pa	4	..	1	..	33	..	10	10	6	...	9	6	6	...	.....	4	....	3	...	...	...	165	.....	199
First Beaver Falls	J. S. Thompson	1005 8th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa	6	7	20	7	108	10	175	20	34	26	15	45	66	11	28	5	7	19	13	2	4	1,050	964	2,292
Brookland & Manchester	P. P. Boyd	5812 Margaretta St , E. E. Pittsburg, Pa	3	2	1	1	27	..	27	....	20	5	25	5	5	5	5	3	8	.....	3	3	5	200	75	367
Central Allegheny	J. W. Sproull	2217 Perrysville Ave., Allegheny, Pa	5	..	12	12	171	6	....	....	184	71	678	67	99	73	53	5	527	2	57	4	4	2,000	2,123	5,947
Clarksburg	.....	Robert Henry, Saltsburg, Pa., R D. 1	2	2	....	...	18	..	....	....	10	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	150	25	204
College Hill	R. H. Martin	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa	8	6	10	15	148	5	303	d108	322	123	114	52	93	24	27	25	168	451	3	6	8	1,000	b3,254	5,670
Geneva	H. G. Foster	3005 College Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa	7	6	17	9	143	11	e251	25	123	58	96	29	80	89	23	33	28	41	28	7	14	1,100	1,725	3,474
East End	D. C Martin	401 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.	3	4	9	...	79	..	34	18	128	101	113	96	124	21	32	41	37	128	16	15	29	818	1,836	3,535
Little Beaver	J. Renwick Wylie	New Galilee, Pa	4	4	5	9	77	2	55	15	68	12	29	16	16	13	10	12	7	89	11	6	7	c625	202	1,123
McKeesport & Mon'la	B. M. Sharp	427 Penny Ave., McKeesport, Pa	3	1	8	5	53	..	20	....	42	16	79	6	19	4	13	8	442	27	25	13	4	406	428	1,532
Mercer	W. J. McKnight	Mercer, Pa	4	5	5	2	59	..	30	....	63	25	56	15	24	11	12	25	59	10	31	6	7	530	195	1,069
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	Cannonsburg, Pa.,	3	..	1	3	54	1	60	....	269	66	120	114	96	21	29	35	39	51	24	9	15	800	365	2,053
New Alexandria	R. J. Gault	New Alexandria, Pa	4	2	...	7	125	1	100	....	360	101	139	85	61	112	41	42	62	60	28	13	15	900	481	2,500
New Castle	J. S. Martin	69 Oak Ave., New Castle, Pa	7	10	15	9	213	7	235	75	175	21	111	96	72	27	21	13	266	118	15	8	7	1,200	1,152	3,302
North Union	P. P. Boyd	5812 Margaretta St., E. E. Pittsburg, Pa	2	3	1	2	32	..	20	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	405 Park Ave., Warren, Ohio	2	2	...	...	13	..	....	....	15	....	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	100	...	5	5	150	115	440
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa	2	..	2	2	23	1	24	....	5	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	132	35	180
Union	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa	4	4	7	5	57	2	70	....	38	53	15	6	17	1	1	2	2	34	2	1	1	365	†128	666
Parnassus	F. M. Wilson	Parnassus, Pa	5	4	6	2	73	..	150	25	155	80	79	34	74	29	23	28	177	351	27	13	19	1,000	°1,339	3,428
Pittsburg	D. McAllister	8 Lafayette Ave , Allegheny, Pa	8	5	5	26	195	6	190	50	381	110	212	54	118	27	23	53	81	358	6	32	33	2,500	2,500	6,483
Salem, Disorganized	...	.....	1	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Slippery Rock	J. J. Kennedy	Rose Point, Pa	4	3	6	3	56	1	65	....	10	....	.....	.....	25	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	345	226	616
Wilkinsburg	R. C. Wylie	819 South Ave , Wilkinsburg, Pa	5	..	3	....	140	2	p152	....	286	97	287	123	181	137	33	85	189	252	60	29	37	1,900	1,850	5,556
Youngstown	.....	.....	4	2	2	1	44	1	60	15	....	....	53	...	10	1	1	5	51	9	...	...	1	.....	382	513
.....	R. C. Allen	Grove City, Pa	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

PITTSBURG, PA—*Continued*

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	T. J. Allen	Beaver Falls, Pa																							
	J. F. Crozier	Beaver Falls, Pa																							
	R. J. Dodds	Mersine, Asia Minor																							
	C. A. Dodds	Mersine, Asia Minor																							
	J. C. K. Faris	Beaver Falls, Pa																							
	H. H. George	Beaver Falls, Pa																							
	R. J. George	Allegheny, Pa																							
	W. P. Johnston	Beaver Falls, Pa																							
	George Kennedy	Beaver Falls, Pa																							
	A. J. McFarland, Sr	Beaver Falls, Pa																							
	J. L. McCartney	Beaver Falls, Pa																							
	R. J. McIsaac	Beaver Falls, Pa																							
	E. L. McKnight	Allegheny, Pa., Star Route Delivery																							
	J. L. Pinkerton	Waupaca, Wis																							
	J. S. Stewart	Latakia, Syria																							
	D. B. Willson	Buena Vista St., Allegheny, Pa																							
	R. J. G. McKnight	Beaver Falls, Pa																							
	J. R. Latimer	Beaver Falls, Pa																							
	T. C. Sproull	Pittsburg, Pa , 7313 Monticello St																							
	I. A. Blackwood																								
No. of Congregations, 27	No. of Ministers, 41.	Totals,	116	73	156	129	22	0	60	2271	421	3249	1161	2534	952	1515	723	506	526	3541	2217	434	206	269	20,345	20,672	58,860

† $7.00 Geneva College. ° $11.00 Chinese Home Mission; $34.00 Geneva College. b Geneva College Endowment, $1,734.00; Geneva College, $37.00; Chinese Home Missions, $39.00. c Also free manse. d Junior, 57; Intermediate, 25; Senior, 26. e Mt. Washington S. S. yielded to Presbyterians. p Including 12 Chinese. m Geneva College, $6.00. Adult baptisms—Geneva, 7; College Hill, 1; First Beaver Falls, 10; Little Beaver, 1; Central A., 1; New Castle, 1; Middletown, 1.

PHILADELPHIA

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First Philadelphia	T. P. Stevenson	4502 Kingsessing Ave., Phila.	6	6	0	0	160	2	105	45	323	542	62	37	51	31	17	23	31	93	15	15	25	1,600	1,274	4,139
Second "	J. C McFeeters	1511 Christian St., Phila.	7	..	21	15	206	6	112	20	643	38	72	16	58	95	28	25	83	79	16	8	12	2,000	2,062	5,235
Third "	R. C. Montgomery	129 W. Susquehanna Ave., Phila.	8	5	5	3	165	3	140	50	458	1044	121	78	63	59	22	15	733	48	17	7	11	1,600	2,435	6,711
.....	M. Greenberg	Youngstown, Ohio	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	.....	.....	...	..	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	..	.....	.....	.....
.....	G M. Robb	.....	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	.....	.....	...	..	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	..	.....	.....	.....
.....	E. F. Sherman	Sewell, Gloucester Co., N. J.	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	.....	.....	...	..	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	..	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 3	No. of Ministers, 6	Totals,	21	11	26	18	531	11	357	115	1,424	1,624	255	131	172	185	67	63	847	220	48	30	48	5,200	5,771	16,085

ROCHESTER

Almonte	.....	T. J. Bowes, Almonte, Ontario	4	4	1	2	58	3	60	...	81	26	32	20	13	14	8	17	13	20	12	7	9	.....	1,086	1,358
Lisbon	.....	Wm. Robson, Lisbon, N. Y.	3	1	...	1	35	..	25	...	11	.....	.....	5	5	4	1	...	.....	.....	..	2	...	.....	319	347
Lochiel	.....	John W. Brodie, Brodie, Ont.	4	2	...	3	32	2	20	...	20	10	16	8	6	5	3	10	5	.....	7	2	4	.....	309	404
Sterling M. S.	.....	Hugh Dugan, Sterling, N. Y.	1	..	...	...	8	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Syracuse	John Yates	104 E. Colvin St., Syracuse, N. Y.	3	3	2	3	65	..	65	43	102	27	27	84	9	14	32	9	45	7	9	5	5	700	306	1,381
York	J. B. Gilmore	York, N. Y.	7	..	...	...	89	..	81	28	99	17	32	15	14	8	16	17	252	18	16	7	10	†800	431	1,752
.....	William McFarland	204 W. La Fayette Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	.....	.....	...	..	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	..	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 5	No. of Ministers, 3	Totals,	22	10	3	9	287	5	251	71	313	80	106	132	47	45	60	53	315	45	44	23	28	1,500	2,451	5,242

† Including Manse.

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New Brunswick and Nova Scotia	3	2	7	....	....	4	118	....	82	.....	58	15	106	10	6	17	10	.....	10	1	1	6	6	1,200	25	1 701
Iowa	9	7	30	23	40	98	745	16	633	89	1,193	448	649	545	438	175	100	142	948	324	135	75	71	4,796	5,513	15,852
Kansas	18	17	72	57	112	101	1,611	80	1,642	314	2,045	1,074	965	571	610	366	274	284	2,656	516	363	113	116	7,992	9,680	27,625
Pittsburgh	26	41	116	73	156	129	2,200	60	2,271	421	3,249	1,161	2,534	952	1,515	723	506	526	3,541	2,217	434	206	269	20,345	20,672	58,860
Ohio	15	12	48	37	32	41	857	18	651	178	1,139	362	521	289	207	120	107	118	895	207	128	47	60	7,347	3,524	15,071
Colorado	8	12	30	21	122	90	458	11	580	167	581	565	557	142	102	106	70	104	6,222	291	85	39	48	4,653	4,335	17,903
Philadelphia	3	6	21	11	26	18	531	11	357	115	1,224	1,624	255	131	172	185	67	63	847	220	48	30	48	5,200	5,771	16,085
Rochester	5	3	22	10	3	9	287	5	251	71	313	80	106	132	47	45	60	53	315	45	41	23	28	1,500	2,451	5,242
New York	18	20	67	66	72	103	1,708	41	1,252	234	3,277	759	871	386	378	192	225	188	4,535	479	216	100	81	17,515	12,042	41,244
Illinois	9	10	37	33	57	52	756	10	875	67	763	732	310	318	276	210	83	120	189	252	96	47	62	5,247	3,904	12,609
Syrian Mission	2	1	....	....	51	50	456	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mission in China	....	....	....	....	18	5	53	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	116	131	450	334	689	700	9,780	252	8,594	1,656	14,145	6,820	6,874	3,476	3,751	2,139	1,502	1,598	20,158	4,552	1,550	686	789	75,795	68,147	212,192

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